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Albright to discuss Gulf crisis in Riyadh today Iraq opposition: Saddam plotted to kill Ekeus

By JAY BUSHINSKY and agencies
LONDON - The Iraqi regime plotted to assassinate the UN's former chief arms inspector, Sweden's Rolf Ekeus, Iraqi opposition sources revealed yesterday. A last-minute warning from their intelligence contacts in Baghdad saved the Swedish diplomat's life.

ening crisis with Iraq over UN weapons inspections. An informant deep inside Iraq's intelligence establishment notified the Iraqi National Congress, the main opposition group seeking Hussein's overthrow, of the murder plot, the sources said. They said Ekeus was to have been given a dose of thallium, a lethal substance that has no taste or odor, but which causes rapid physical deterioration and ultimately death.

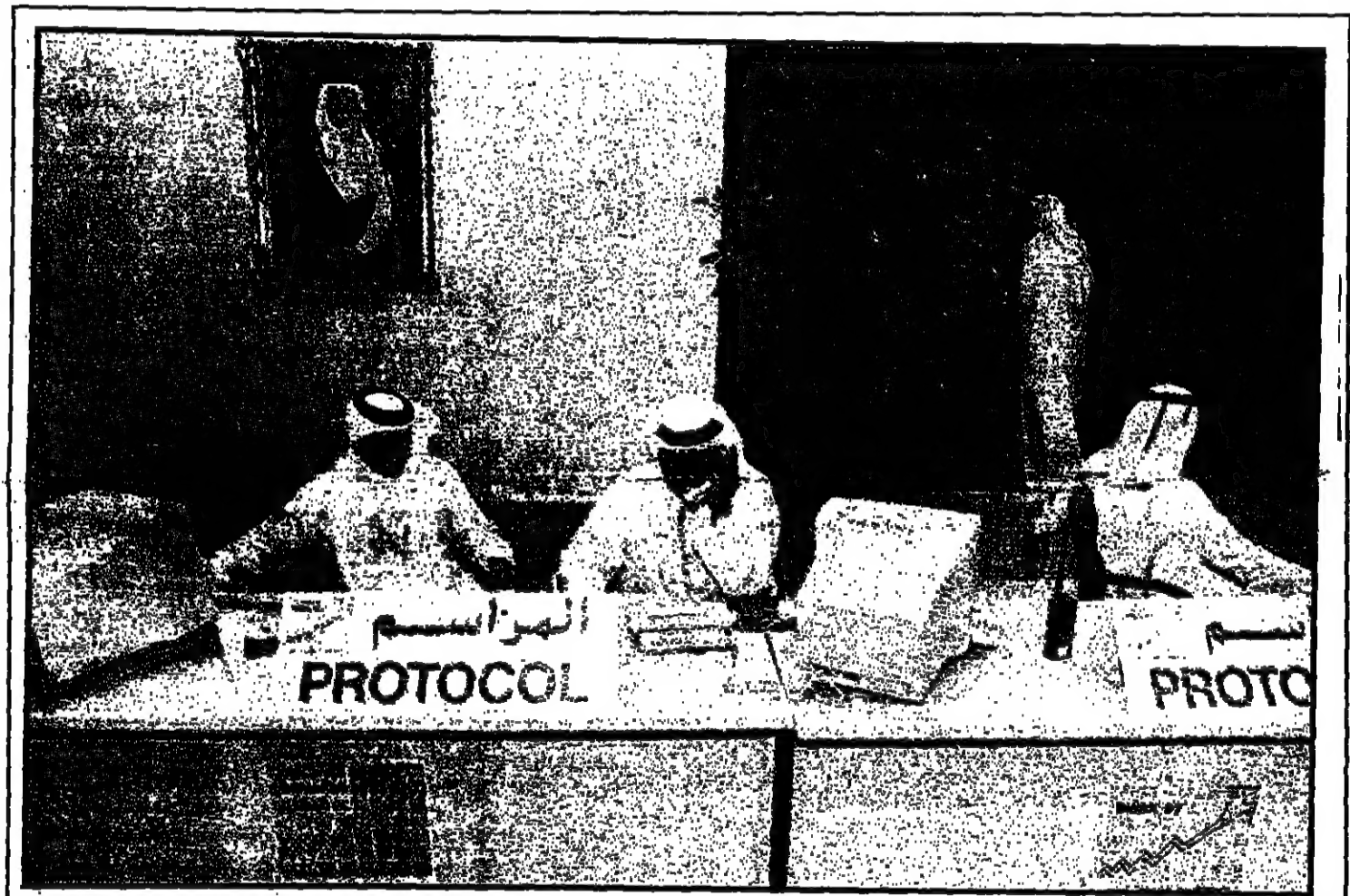
dent Ahmed Chalabi sent a letter to Ekeus alerting him to the plot and urging him to take precautions. Ekeus was said to have verified the Iraqi scheme through his own contacts and acted accordingly. The sequence of events described by the Iraqi foes of Saddam Hussein based in London, was as follows: A meeting was held in Baghdad on February 15, 1996 under the chairmanship of Qusay Hussein, a son of Saddam's, during which he called for Ekeus's murder upon his

next arrival in Baghdad. The assassins were to use a poison that Iraq readies for US retaliation, Page 5

have said that Saddam blames you for the continuation of the sanctions against Iraq. According to Qusay, Saddam holds Ekeus personally responsible for Iraq's suffering, as well as for the non-implementation of UN Resolution 986. "We urge your excellency to exercise all caution for yourself and your staff in dealing with the Iraqi regime."

letter. The crisis over Iraq has prompted Albright to make unscheduled visits today to Saudi Arabia and two other "front-line" states, Bahrain and Kuwait. State Department spokesman James Rubin said the consultations would not involve discussion of possible military deployments, but would focus on "the importance of maintaining a policy of containment of Iraq."

the government-controlled Iraqi media "highly irresponsible." "Threatening us is not the answer," she said, imploring Saddam once again to comply with UN Security Council resolutions. A senior administration official said US President Bill Clinton spoke yesterday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on how to maintain Security Council unity in the search for a diplomatic solution in Iraq.



Protocol staff of the Fourth Middle East and North Africa Conference work at their desks yesterday at the Doha Sheraton Hotel in Doha, Qatar, where the conference is scheduled to start today.

Doha forum opens amid regional tension

By STEVE RODAN and news agencies
DOHA, Qatar - While only six Arab governments will be officially represented at the Fourth Middle East and North Africa Economic Conference, which opens here today, some 850 guests from 66 countries - including some from boycotting countries - along with 400 Qataris and 15 non-governmental organizations are attending. Qatari Foreign Minister Ahmed

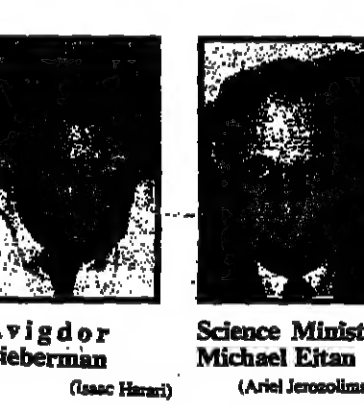
Mahmoud said yesterday. While the forum's deliberations will be politically overshadowed by the Iraqi crisis and the conspicuous absence of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian Authority, analysts believe the event can still be an economic success. The host country is expected to sign deals worth a total of some \$2 billion during the three-day

event. "I think we shouldn't lose any opportunity for enhancing economic opportunities or investment opportunities because of a problem in the political arena," Mahmoud said. Samy Ravel, head of the Israeli trade office in Doha, echoed the sentiment, telling The Associated Press: "Talks - business or political - are the key to peace."

Israeli officials arrived in Doha on Friday concerned that the US face-off with Iraq might explode and derail conference. "I hope that developments in the region will not stop us from holding this conference," Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said. Sharansky is leading a 100-member delegation to Qatar, including government officials, businesspeople, and journalists.

Michael Eitan: Dump Lieberman

By SARAH HONIG
Science Minister Michael Eitan plans to ask for the resignation of Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, "because he made a laughingstock of the Likud." "Lieberman is behind all that took place at the Likud convention last week," Eitan said. "He prepared the convention. He made a laughingstock of the Likud. He misled the ministers and he must pay the price for his misdeeds. He must own up to and bear responsibility for the utter fiasco that this convention was. He must step down."



Avigdor Lieberman (Isaac Herzli) and Science Minister Michael Eitan (Ariel Jerozolimski)

that Netanyahu would be overthrown - which is not to minimize the enormous rage against what took place in the convention, when the primaries were scrapped despite promises to the contrary." A senior official traveling with Netanyahu said the prime minister intends to inquire into Lieberman's role at the convention, and this will be done immediately after his return to the country on Wednesday. Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom said he wants an investigation into "reports that a cameraman had been hired to videotape those at the convention who campaigned in favor of keeping the primaries. This is shocking."

IDF captures Tzurif gang leaders

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN
An undercover IDF unit last week captured two alleged ringleaders of the Tzurif terror cell and another Hamas suspect at a roadblock near Nabulus, the IDF said Friday. Ten others, including Palestinian security personnel who were helping the suspects, were also arrested.

The Tzurif cell, centered around the village of Tzurif, has been held responsible for slaying at least 11 Israelis and wounding 49 in attacks over the past two years, including five drive-by shootings, the kidnapping and slaying of Staff Sgt. Sharon Edri, and bombing of the Apropro cafe in Tel Aviv last March.

Military sources said the Palestinian arrested agents had been trying to smuggle two of the suspects, who top Israel's wanted list, from Hebron to Nabulus. The agents were later freed. OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan said Friday that a Duvdevan undercover unit made the arrests last Wednesday night in an Israeli-controlled area of the West Bank. Security officials said the action was not coordinated with the Palestinian Authority.

October CPI jumps 1.2%

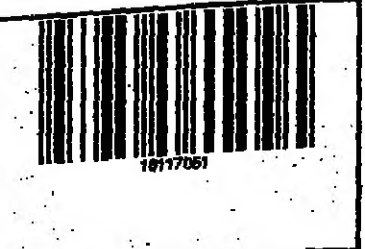
By DAVID HARRIS
October's consumer price index increased by a higher-than-anticipated 1.2 percent, according to data published Friday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. Over the past 12 months, the CPI rose 9.1%. It has risen by 7.6% since the start of 1997. Government and independent economists had forecast a 0.6% rise in last month's CPI following the unexpected 0.1% decrease in September.

PM: Gap with PA is narrowing

By JAY BUSHINSKY and DOUGLAS DAVIS
LONDON - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday he was encouraged by the outcome of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's talks in Switzerland with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, and believes that the gap between Israel and the PA is narrowing. "I hope to be able to have good news by the end of 1997," Netanyahu said, after receiving a report on the Albright-Arafat meeting from US peace process coordinator Dennis Ross. "There is a growing awareness of the need to take the quick route to permanent status negotiations."

Albright, at a news conference in Bern after a two-hour meeting with Arafat, said she "sees some openings" in the Israeli and Palestinian positions and thinks it will be possible in the next few weeks to see "a continuing process of closing the gaps and widening the openings." "While I remain very realistic about what can be accomplished, I do think that these two sets of talks have been useful and provide the basis for further discussion," she added.

Netanyahu refused to elaborate on the "openings." Netanyahu had seemed less upbeat on Friday, following his own meeting with Albright. A "greater sense of urgency" was required to overcome the impasse in the peace process, Albright had told Netanyahu. Speaking at a joint press conference following their three-hour meeting, Albright and Netanyahu coldly characterized their talks as



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in brief

Mossad shakeup begins

The head of Mossad operations has been replaced and gone on leave. The move reportedly took place on October 9, but implementation was delayed following the failed assassination attempt of Hamas leader Khaled Masha'al in Amman, a statement from the prime minister's office said. The replacement for the operations head identified only as "H" was approved three months ago at the recommendation of Mossad chief Danny Yatom. "H," who also serves as the intelligence agency's unofficial deputy, had reportedly sought numerous times beforehand over the past two months to go on leave. *Arish O'Sullivan*

Man murdered in Ramle clan violence

Salah Karaja, 29, was shot dead yesterday morning from a passing car as he walked along a street in the Jewish section of Ramle. Police said his death was the second recent murder in ongoing, drug-related clan violence between the Karajas and the Jerussis in the town. Hamida Jerussi, 41, was shot to death as he stepped out of his car last week.

After yesterday's killing, additional police reinforcements were sent to Jewish to prevent further escalation of the violence, although an already augmented police presence there failed to prevent the latest attacks. *Itim*

MK Ran Cohen: Ministry official probed himself

Meretz MK Ran Cohen on Friday demanded that Foreign Minister David Levy look into how the September incident in which two security guards were wounded in Amman was investigated by the man who is responsible for security in the ministry — meaning that the responsible official was checking himself.

He said the handling of the investigation is shocking, especially since as a result, the head of the security guard section — who answers to the ministry official — was removed from his post. *Itim*

Illegal boar hunter deported

A number of Thai workers illegally hunting wild animals were caught by Nature Reserves Authority wardens over the weekend. In a search carried out by the NRA in the homes of Thai workers at Yesud Hama'ala, near the Hula reserve, scores of home-made traps were discovered.

NRA spokeswoman Dina Weinstein said a Thai worker found slaughtering a trapped boar in an orchard of Kibbutz Ein Carmel was deported the same evening, while other workers were fined on the spot. The traps found were particularly cruel, she said. The NRA warned that any foreign worker caught hunting wild animals will be deported. *Liat Collins*

Bereaved parents abroad to get aid to visit

The Defense Ministry last night announced a change in regulations to allow bereaved first-degree relatives living abroad to receive aid to visit the graves of their fallen IDF soldiers once a year. The new regulation is expected to affect some 450 people in 150 bereaved families. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

IAF gets helicopter chief it wanted

Ten months after the helicopter collision which killed 73 servicemen, a senior officer has been appointed as head of a helicopter corps, implementing a recommendation made by the inquiry into the crash. OC Air Force Eitan Ben-Elizhu named the officer, identified only as Col. Mickey, to join the IAF general command.

"Col. Mickey will start his position in December with the continued supervision of the implementation of the recommendations made by the Ivory commission and other lessons learned by the Air Force," after the February 4 crash, an IDF statement said. *Arish O'Sullivan*

Officials spot \$500,000 in smuggled gold

Two customs officials at the Sheikh Hussein Bridge found 50 chunks of gold worth an estimated \$500,000, hidden beneath a car that crossed yesterday from Jordan. The gold was found as the officials checked a Chevrolet Caprice driven by a resident of Yafiya. The officials, Nadav Amselem and Shimon Ben-Shabbat, saw a suspicious box covered with mud attached to the vehicle's underside, which turned out to be filled with 50 pieces of gold weighing about a kilogram apiece, and a bag full of jewelry. The driver, who wasn't identified, was arrested, and is also suspected of previous gold smuggling from Jordan. *Itim*

Zvili demands debate on Maccabiah aftermath

Labor MK Nissim Zvili has submitted an urgent motion to the Knesset agenda to discuss the handling of the aftermath of the Maccabiah bridge collapse. If the motion is accepted, the debate could be held this week.

Zvili, who serves on the Knesset State Control Committee, said he would also raise the issue at the committee's next session, and if he does not get satisfactory answers from the officials involved, he will ask the state comptroller to investigate. *Itim*

Gov't condemns UN vote on Har Homa

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — The government has rejected a vote by the UN General Assembly, meeting Thursday in an emergency session, that condemns Israel for failing to comply with demands to halt to the construction of Har Homa.

Jerusalem also condemned the assembly's call to convene the parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, which deals with the treatment of civilians on occupied

land. The vote was 139 to 3. Israel, Micronesia and the US opposed the resolution. Thirteen states abstained.

The UN first raised the prospect of a Geneva convention at its second emergency session, in July.

There was no consensus on convening a conference or on its goals, said Switzerland's UN observer, Jeno Stuehelin. However, he said, Switzerland agreed to a proposal by the Red Cross and the Red Crescent to organize meetings to examine general humanitarian problems. The first will be in January.

Parents of child killed by IDF: Organs can go to Jew or Arab

By MARGOT DUDKEWITZ

The parents of 7-year-old Hassan Ali Jarawish donated his organs after he was pronounced clinically dead in Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem yesterday, following a critical gunshot wound by an IDF soldier.

Mohammed Jarawish, the boy's father, said he didn't care whether the organs were donated to an Arab or a Jew.

Jarawish was wounded in the head Tuesday by a rubber bullet, when soldiers opened fire on Palestinian stone throwers near Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem.

His family has alleged that the soldier who shot him had aimed his weapon at the boy. They have demanded he be put on trial.

The IDF Spokesman said yesterday that troops repeatedly asked the Palestinian Police to intervene and quell the rioting. The Palestinians ignored the request, forcing the IDF to act, and troops used rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse the rioters.

The spokesman said a soldier

had aimed at an adult stone-thrower from a distance of about 40 meters, and that the boy crossed into the line of fire and was wounded. The rioting took place in Area A, where Palestinians are responsible for security, the spokesman said.

The boy's father, said doctors asked him, once the boy was pronounced clinically dead, if he would agree to donate his son's organs. "I told them my son is dead and they can do what they like. I don't care to whom his organs go if it will save lives," Jarawish said.

Jarawish, who lives in Beit Safafa, was visiting relatives in the El Aida refugee camp when the rioting broke out. Hadassah Hospital spokesman Yossi Shuvral said that "the family should be thanked and we are grateful that out of this tragedy they opened their hearts and decided to donate their dead son's organs."

On Friday night shots were fired at IDF troops patrolling near Avraham Avinu in Hebron's Jewish Quarter. The IDF Spokesman said the troops fired back.

Gov't plans increase in Palestinian work permits

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The Defense Ministry, the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, and the coordinator of activities in the territories are drawing up a plan to significantly increase the number of work permits given to Palestinians and to allow them to cross the Green Line even during a closure, defense sources said.

The plan, which is expected to be approved shortly, comes amid pressure from Israeli employers to stabilize their work force and security officials who see economic stability as a way to combat growing Islamic fundamentalism in the territories.

The plan would allow for "preferential passage" workers to return quickly to their jobs in the event of a closure. Initial efforts will be to provide some 30,000 such permits, with the intention of increasing the number according to market demand.

Some 50,000 Palestinians now cross into Israel legally every day, with about the same number sneaking into the country. Wages earned in Israel are about six times what they can earn in the territories.

The idea was raised in the recent talks with the Palestinians in Washington but the plan must be approved by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who is said to be reviewing it now.

"It is revolutionary because today, whenever there is a terrorist attack or a decision to impose a closure it takes time to get the door revolving again to let the Palestinians back to their jobs," said one defense official.

"In the long run, we and the Palestinian Authority are the ones who suffer and it is Hamas who is strengthened by the closure, because the poor Palestinians flock to their charities for hand-outs when they can't work," the official said. "It is then easier for the Hamas to recruit supporters."

Other sources said that under the new plan, many Palestinians admitted to work in Israel would also be allowed to stay overnight during the week before returning home for the weekend, as opposed to the current system in which everyone must return to the territories at the end of the work day.



Hamas leader Ibrahim Makadmeh (left) embraces a friend yesterday, as he receives well-wishers after the Palestinian Authority dropped an arrest warrant enabling him to return to his Gaza home. (AP)

PA lets wanted Hamas leader Makadmeh return

By MOHAMMED NAJIB and news agencies

A Hamas leader wanted by both Israel and the Palestinian Authority has been allowed by the PA to return to his Gaza home after disappearing for several months, Hamas spokesman Mahmoud Zahhar announced yesterday.

"The Palestinian Authority promised to drop the arrest warrant for Ibrahim Makadmeh after talks with the police chief," Zahhar told Reuters. He did not say why the warrant was cancelled.

Senior Hamas official Abdul-Aziz Rantisi told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he had played "an important role" in getting the PA to drop charges

against Makadmeh, 45, who he said "has no link" with the March suicide bombing at Tel Aviv's Apropro cafe that killed three women.

"Yesterday Makadmeh came to my home," said Rantisi, "and I went with him to Brig-Gen. Ghazi Jabali, the head of the Palestinian Police in Gaza. Jabali closed his file and he returned to his home in the Bureij refugee camp."

The warrant was issued in March following a Gaza rally hours after the Hamas bombing in Tel Aviv.

Makadmeh had told the rally that only bombs could stop Israel's settlement drive.

"To allow a terrorist leader like Makadmeh to remain free is to make a mockery of all claims by

the Palestinian Authority that it is cracking down on the terrorist infrastructure," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's communication's chief, David Bar-Ilan, said.

Makadmeh had been out of a Palestinian jail for less than a week when the warrant was issued and he went into hiding. He had been imprisoned in a clampdown in 1996 after a wave of suicide bombings killed 59 people in Israel.

"We expect Makadmeh... to continue his role as one of the known leaders of Hamas," Zahhar said.

"Pursuing persons such as Makadmeh is an error that must be corrected," said Rantisi, "and the PA corrected its error, which means a positive step."

US imports of Uzis, other assault weapons suspended

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — US President Bill Clinton said yesterday that the US will halt the import of more than one million Uzis and other foreign-made assault weapons, declaring that they skirt US gun laws and do nothing but "inspire fear and wreak deadly havoc on our streets."

"We've banned these guns because you don't need an Uzi to go deer hunting, and everyone knows it," he said, in his weekly radio address.

Clinton directed the Treasury Department to immediately bar imports of semiautomatic assault-type weapons.

Manufacturers have reconfigured some models with "cosmetic" changes to appear more "sporting" and thus evade a 1994 ban, placed on the import, manufacture or sale of 19 kinds of assault weapons, Clinton said in a memo dated Friday.

The assault-weapon imbroglio began several months ago when Uzi America, an American distributor for TAA-Isral Military Industries, got a permit to import Uzis and Galils.

That focused attention on loopholes in the federal law passed in 1994.

Although the guns are legal, Senator Dianne Feinstein of California asked Israel to delay

the import of the weapons, which Jerusalem agreed to do for several months.

In the meantime, there appeared to be a stampede by importers for permits for up to one million weapons.

Israel had expected to sell about 10,000 of the assault weapons, worth about \$7 million, in the US over the next three or four years. Although the number is small, the Uzi is the fear-inspiring symbol in US gun-control debates.

"The Uzi has gotten a reputation that you can't do anything about," said Aharon Kleiman of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. "It has negative name recognition. It is a good and effective and multi-purpose [weapon] that is associated with crime, assassinations and gang wars."

Gun-control lobbyists were frightened that it had become a

"fashion statement," said Bob Walker, president of Handgun Control, an anti-gun lobbying group. "Many gangs are going to buy it just for the name," he said. "It's a symbol of power."

Jonathan Mossberg, president of Uzi America, disagreed.

"I don't think this is the kind of weapon that the gangs will go

for," he said. "We are three to four times more expensive than other semi-automatics."

The Israeli percentage of US imports of arms and ammunition for civilian use has been steadily declining, from 7.1 percent in 1994 to 1.45 percent last year, according to the US Commerce Department's National Trade Data

Bank. The US last year imported \$620 million worth of arms and ammunition for civilian use.

The customs value of the Israeli arms imports was \$9 million in 1996, when Israel ranked 12th among the arms exporters to the US — far behind Germany, Italy and Japan.



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CJF assembly opens amid drop in Israel funding

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The Council of Jewish Federations, the association of the 184 autonomous federations in the US and Canada that solicit funds for local Jewish programs and United Jewish Appeal, opens its 66th annual General Assembly in Indianapolis tonight with a speech by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, head of the committee trying to forge a compromise on the conversion issue, also are to address the assembly, while US President Bill Clinton is scheduled to appear via satellite broadcast.

Aggravated about the lack of

religious pluralism in Israel, American Jews have been hinting they will penalize Israel financially, and it has been assumed that the UJA would be the target.

But the UJA is no longer the primary monetary conduit to Israel. Instead, the big bucks - some \$700 million - are carefully directed to Israeli institutions that are insulated from the political fray.

There has been a steady increase in American Jewish philanthropy - whose total comes to more than \$4 billion - but it is no longer channeled primarily through the venerable and vulnerable federal system, according to Jack Wertheimer, provost and professor of Jewish history at the Jewish

Theological Seminary in New York.

The amount of money flowing directly to Israeli institutions such as universities and hospitals is more than twice the amount that travels the "traditional" UJA route, says Wertheimer, the author of "Current Trends in American Jewish Philanthropy," which appears in the 1997 *American Jewish Year Book*, published by the American Jewish Committee.

Federations used to allocate 60 percent of their funds to overseas programs. By 1994, it was about 40 percent, and the amount is falling because federations retain larger amounts to fund their own programs, especially those aimed at Jewish continuity and intermar-

riage, Wertheimer says.

The decline in traditional Jewish philanthropy has meant budget cuts for UJA's overseas beneficiaries - the Jewish Agency and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. But it may have helped other Israeli institutions, as donors - especially major donors - direct contributions to them directly.

In 1995, American Jewish charitable outlays totaled \$4.2 billion to \$4.4b., according to Wertheimer. Some \$1.5b. went to federations (including the UJA); \$2b. to the religious sector (including synagogue dues and day school tuition fees); \$250 million to cultural, educational, religious and community relations institutions; and

nearly \$700 million was sent to Israel, outside the UJA channel.

The Israel-oriented powerhouses appear to be the "American friends of" organizations, which were founded to direct money to specific Israeli institutions, such as hospitals, universities and foundations.

While the federation system sent some \$220 million to the Jewish Agency in 1994, the major "friends" groups raised \$690 million. That amount does not include all the donations to smaller charities, such as yeshivot, Wertheimer says.

These Israeli institutions were once left to scrounge for funds, as they were dwarfed and ignored by the UJA.

No more. The philanthropic prowess of these institutions was reflected in this year's listing of the 400 largest charities in the US, by the authoritative *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, which was published several weeks ago. The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science privately raised \$39.3 million and was ranked 196, while the American Society for Technion was ranked 202, raising \$36.6 million.

By way of contrast, Hadassah raised \$47.8 million in private funds, ranking 166, behind Yeshiva University in New York, which brought in \$55.1 million.

The Jewish National Fund was ranked 275, raising \$26.7 million.

That was only slightly more than Brandeis University in Massachusetts and far behind the Anti-Defamation League, which drew in \$40.4 million.

Weizmann and the Technion - like Hebrew and Tel Aviv universities - are prestige institutions that are detached from the federations and whose fortunes abroad don't ride on Israeli politics.

One charity, however, says it has benefited from the political battle over pluralism. The New Israel Fund, which funds groups that promote civil rights and religious pluralism, said its contributions increased by 20 percent, to \$13 million a year, apparently in response to the controversy over the conversion bill.



Celebrating Palestinian independence
Palestinian security forces demonstrate rescuing hostages from a bus in Hebron yesterday, as part of Palestinian independence day festivities in the West Bank. Celebrations are to take place in Gaza today. Conflicting reports said three to 10 policemen were injured by tear-gas inhalation while storming the bus and were hospitalized.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The deepening crisis with Iraq, which led the UN to pull its inspectors from that country, "is a well-planned and orchestrated crisis initiated by the Iraqis," writes Ma'ariv's Oded Granot in his commentary entitled "Eager for Conflict."

He adds that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein believes that an American attack, limited in scope, that would only strengthen his status in the eyes of his nation.

Yediot Aharonot's Ron Ben-Yishai claims that Saddam's actions are meant to prevent UN inspectors from exposing the supply of biological warfare that Iraq has been hiding for six years.

In Washington, officials "believe that if they extend some rope to Saddam, he will eventually hang himself, and if not, they will have to do what they should have done in the winter of 1991 - get rid of him."

Iraq has succeeded in undermining the coalition against it, writes Ha'aretz's Zvi Barak, adding that the next step is to isolate the US from the UN and present "Iraq (as) no longer against the world, but against the US; a small and wretched country against an evil and all-mighty world power."

"The Americans believe that (Prime Minister) Benjamin Netanyahu's policies consistently nibble in the US status in the Arab world," asserts Ma'ariv's Chani Shalev, adding that this makes it

difficult for the US to raise the support of Arab countries against Saddam.

Zeev Schiff of Ha'aretz states that according to Israeli experts, "there is no immediate danger for Israel." However, if the UN inspection dismantles, "there is no doubt that Israel will be faced with a growing danger in the long term."

The sting

The weekend media provided abundant commentary concerning the outcome of the Likud convention.

"It was the big week for the small functionaries in the Likud," writes Ma'ariv's Shalom Yerushalmi.

He added that Netanyahu "jumped on the young and promising horse Yisrael Katz [elected as president chairman] and rode on him with the Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman," all in order to pass the vote to abandon the party primaries.

Yediot Aharonot's Bina Barzel claims that the debate around the primaries was only a blur the prime minister's real agenda: the passing of other clauses in the Likud constitution that will ensure his leadership over the party.

It was also obvious to Likud members who was running the show: "Lieberman by remote control."

"The rage of Likud ministers against Lieberman is unjustified," claims Ha'aretz's Hanna Kim, who adds "it is true that he is forceful and ruthless but apparently he only carries out his boss's wishes."

Ma'ariv's Sima Kadmon states that Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, the last of Netanyahu's loyalists who was candidate for the convention's presidium chairman and who withdrew his candidacy after refusing to raise the primaries issue "was stabbed in the back by the prime minister."

Kadmon also refers to Communication Minister Limor Livnat's harsh speech as "a political suicide."

Yediot Aharonot's Nahum Barnea concludes that now, "the action has been transferred from center stage to behind the scenes. It is a time for plotting."

have shed light on General Security Service agent Avishai Raviv's conduct during his service.

Yediot Aharonot's Anat Tal-Shir and Guy Leshem emphasize the problematic personality of Raviv.

The impression of Raviv's operators was that he is "unstable, in conflict with himself, stretches the line with his operators."

His recruiters indicated that he has a "treacherous, infantile and complex personality."

Yossi Vetter of Ma'ariv reveals that for most of the Jews in the territories, "Raviv constitutes a personal and collective trauma." He adds that the population there believes that Raviv is part of a plot meant to smear an entire people.

"The population is enraged; they testify that until Rabin's assassination... they were part of the consensus... and now they are considered outsiders."

They call the Raviv affair a provocation and not a conspiracy, writes Vetter.

GSS agent

The Shamgar Report's secret sections that were made public

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Sharansky was upbeat about the event despite the sparse attendance by Arab governments. "There will be lots of unofficial meetings that we hope will open new doors," he told journalists on Friday. "In the end, it is the businessmen who have to make business."

After weeks of debating the matter, the Palestinians officially backed out over the weekend, blaming the impasse in negotiations with the Israeli government.

"In view of the crisis in the peace process and the Israeli refusal to implement agreements and the continuation of its settlement activity, the Palestinian Authority took a decision not to participate," Palestinian minister Hanan Ashrawi said Friday.

The participation of more than 700 businesspeople hints at the region's abundant commercial opportunities despite the poorer-than-expected governmental attendance. US Commerce Secretary William Daley said Friday.

US companies are now doing about \$24 billion in business in the Middle East, and such regional forums are a factor, Daley said.

Daley spoke with reporters in Washington before departing for Qatar, where he and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will head the US delegation, which includes 120 members of the private sector.

Among the US corporations represented are Occidental Petroleum, Amoco, Salomon Brothers, Boeing, General Electric, Mobil, and Westinghouse.

"Many of the government delegations are not coming... [but] business representatives from those countries are coming, and that's an important statement," Daley said.

But Israeli officials are concerned that the US showdown with Iraq over its refusal to allow American inspectors to visit suspected storage sites of nonconventional weapons will disrupt the conference. Qatar is close enough to Iraq so that any military confrontation could cause conference participants to flee, they said.

Israel, Jordan, and the US are expected to sign an agreement to launch joint ventures in the hybrid industrial zone, products of which could be exported to the US duty-free. The venture will combine Israeli technology with Jordanian labor in what officials hope will create thousands of new jobs in the Hashemite kingdom, where unemployment is an estimated 20%.

The conference will include numerous seminars such as regional projects, privatization, tourism, and telecommunications. One seminar will concern Islamic financing techniques, to attract the business of devout Muslims who are forbidden to deal with interest.

Hillel Kuntler contributed to this report.

US official: Holocaust victims' money also missing in US

Albright praises Swiss handling of Nazi-gold revelations

By TOM TUGEND and news agencies

As in Switzerland, Holocaust victims left an unknown amount of money in US banks that has never been returned, a senior American official disclosed yesterday.

The official, who is traveling with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, said the question has been ignored so far in American reviews of World War II, but will be addressed in a future study.

The official said the US review of wartime and post-war wrongdoing by other countries had stumbled on the unexplored area of dormant accounts in US banks.

When the US froze bank accounts of all Germans during World War II, it inadvertently included the accounts that German Jews had opened, the official said.

The US government now knows that German Jews deposited money in the US in much the same way they put their assets in Switzerland to avoid Nazi confiscation, he added.

In most of the states where the accounts were dormant, the banks followed legal procedures and turned the money over to the state governments, unlike in Switzerland, where banks keep many dormant accounts indefinitely.

The federal government in Washington lacks sufficient information in its own archives and needs to go to the states for their help, the official said.

Meanwhile, Albright yesterday praised Switzerland's "courage" in confronting the difficult issue of Nazi gold but urged continued efforts to bring this "painful period" to an end.

"The financial benefits of these

wartime transactions accrued to the Swiss and were passed along to subsequent generations," Albright said, in a speech to the Swiss political establishment.

"That is why the world now looks to the people of Switzerland not to assume responsibility for actions taken by their forbears but to be generous in doing what can be done at this point to right past wrongs," she said.

"And indeed Switzerland has shown courage in confronting this challenge. Among all the neutral countries of World War II, Switzerland is setting the pace in the intensity of its national debate and the comprehensiveness of its approach," she said.

Albright also said she was "heartened" by the Swiss government's "bold" proposal - which is subject to approval by referendum - for a multibillion dollar endowment to assist victims of genocide and oppression around the world.

US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat said he was confident of success in Washington's attempts to reverse threatened boycotts of Swiss banks by several US cities and states over the Holocaust row.

Although Washington could not guarantee that US states would not attempt boycotts of Swiss banks, Eizenstat said. "Hopefully we can now begin to reverse these actions and make it clear that they are neither justified nor productive."

Eizenstat said he had written letters to the state treasurer of California and the city comptroller of New York, asking them to lift their sanctions against Swiss banks.

California State Treasurer Matt Fong, meanwhile, is having second thoughts about the sanctions, partly due to what he says are "mixed signals" from the Jewish community.

Since July, Fong has liquidated some \$2 billion worth of California funds in Swiss banks by not renewing short-term investments, and he has declared a moratorium on future deposits.

Fong took the publicly unannounced action after reading newspaper reports on the slow pace by Swiss banks in settling the accounts of victims and survivors of the Holocaust.

"As a banker, I questioned whether I could retain confidence in [Swiss] banks to handle my money, if they failed to identify these accounts and return the money," Fong said in an interview in his Los Angeles office.

However, to his surprise and chagrin, he received little feedback from the Jewish community on his action, after it was finally made public in October, and he even received some criticism.

"Because the Jewish community is active in so many other issues, I was surprised that I received very little input, pro or con, on this, so it doesn't seem to be as important to them as I had expected," he said.

What seemed to upset Fong the most, though, was a letter from the Anti-Defamation League, signed by its national director, Abraham H. Foxman, along the same lines as the Eizenstat communication.

"That letter took me by surprise, coming from ADL, a respected organization," said Fong. "There were no phone calls, they didn't ask for a meeting, they just sent me this letter saying but out."

The state treasurer had earlier received strong verbal support from the World Jewish Congress and individual Jewish leaders, and, like many, he seemed baffled that the Jewish community does not speak with one voice.

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Gov't pledges to improve CIS arrivals' treatment

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Interior Minister Eli Suissa on Friday promised Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who heads the Ministerial Committee on Immigration and the Diaspora, to consider improving the treatment of immigrants and tourists from the former Soviet Union at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Edelstein's office had proposed alternatives to the current handling of these individuals, which in recent months has resulted in some embarrassing and unpleasant incidents involving legitimate visitors who were treated as if they were trying to enter the country illegally.

At the same time, however, documents have been found on seemingly legitimate immigrants which turned out to be forged.

According to a spokesman for Edelstein, the ministers reached three main decisions at the meeting. Regarding border procedures, if the government indeed transfers responsibility for checkpoints from the police to the Interior Ministry — a matter still under review — Suissa promised there would be separate lines for immigrants and tourists. Staff processing immigrants would all be Russian speakers, and any questions would be brought before the airport office of the Absorption Ministry.

Complaints had been made regarding the fact that a single person was respon-

sible for almost all evaluation of the Jewish status of immigrants. Absorption Ministry officials had suggested adding more staff, and an agreement in principle was worked out with the Interior Ministry and the Chief Rabbinate to train 10-20 Russian-speaking immigrants to make this process more efficient.

A decision was also made to change procedures requiring those inviting tourists to visit them from the former Soviet Union to first pay a NIS 5,000 deposit, refundable when the visitor leaves the country. Edelstein explained to Suissa that individuals interested in bringing in prostitutes were not deterred by this sum, while those innocently inviting family or friends to visit often could not raise this amount.

According to the Absorption Ministry spokesman, Suissa agreed to a new arrangement canceling this fee for visitors who qualify under the Law of Return, and the fee will also be waived for anyone arriving with documents from the Israeli consul in their area indicating he knows the person and approves their entry.

Suissa also reportedly agreed to give Edelstein an answer in two weeks regarding a proposal for a six-month test period when the fee would be waived for everyone, during which time a study would be made to see whether there were more violations than when the fee was still being collected. If there is no significant difference, consideration will be given to canceling the fee permanently.

Tom Friedman asked to speak at Wiesenthal Center

Jerusalem Post Staff

NEW YORK — Last year, an Anti-Defamation League invitation to New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman generated protests from the Zionist Organization of America, who claimed that Friedman was anti-Israel and undeserving of the invitation.

That led to a storm over free speech and "thought police" in the American Jewish community.

When Rhonda Barad, director of the Eastern division of the Simon

Wiesenthal Center, issued an invitation for the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist to speak this year, she said, "I didn't think about that."

Friedman last night was to be given the center's seventh annual "State of Antisemitism" lecture in New York. Security had been heightened after Barad received reports of potential picketers and two dozen letters of protest, including one from Mort Klein, the head of ZOA.

Barad defended the choice, saying the center's 450,000 members represent a myriad of views.

IDF seeks victory in battle of the bulge

By ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

The IDF Combat Fitness branch is finalizing its latest plan to make those pot bellies prevalent among regular army personnel disappear, by providing each officer and warrant officer with their own personal training schedule.

"The regular forces are a mirror of Israeli society; no more, no less," said Col. Haim Tel-Avivi, the man responsible for combat and physical fitness in the IDF. "But I think regular army personnel need to maintain a higher level, set an example."

A brawny man with a strong handshake, Tel-Avivi said that under the new program all regular IDF personnel, including women, will receive in the mail a pamphlet extolling the virtues of being in good physical shape and providing a placement test for their fitness program.

They are to test themselves by running 2,000 meters, doing as many push-ups and pull-ups as they can, and performing the maximum sit-ups as possible without a break. They are to return these figures along with their age, weight, and height. An IDF computer will then figure out which of 20 programs applies to that person and sends back a complete four-week training schedule.

The participant is expected to send follow-up examinations to the computer each month. It is all based on the honor system and Tel-Avivi said he has no idea whether the regular army personnel will take the hook.

"It's a user friendly way to get involved in physical activity," said Tel-Avivi. "I don't know how many will return the forms. The aim is to encourage them."

The way Tel-Avivi sees it, no one should be forced to get into shape, for the desire should come from within. "The moment you start doing things related to physical exercise by force, it starts to look like an order and becomes very difficult to deal with," he said.

The IDF has done away with its physical fitness requirement for promotion, but as of this fall all officers and warrant officers are required to report for a fitness examination at least once a year.

The new program has the backing of the OC Medical



Arms up or out, it's time to get into shape, according to new IDF fitness doctrine.

(Mike Goldberg, file photo)

Corps and the Manpower Branch. Tel-Avivi said that the only opposition he encountered was over funding.

The bottom line, he said, was that each regular army person is responsible for being in shape. "Physical training is discipline and in the army one has to be disciplined," he told a gathering at the IDF combat fitness headquarters next to the Wingate sports college.

"The public will point at [an overweight regular officer] and say 'That's how the army looks.' If he wasn't in uniform no one would say a thing."

Tel-Avivi, who is also in charge of physical training for Israel's national basketball team, said officers who are in better shape would be able to function better under high-pressure situations like war. "If this group

finds itself in a situation of pressure, fear, and danger then the ones in better physical shape will be able to make better decisions," said Tel-Avivi, who naturally is in great shape.

According to Tel-Avivi, recent polls have shown that the number of Israelis doing physical exercise has doubled since 1992, with about one in three now involved in sports. When it

comes to the top IDF brass, Tel-Avivi said he's had a good look around. "I can tell you that, compared to the pot bellies 10 years ago, this general staff today looks a lot better."

When Yankelevich met Crawford

Israeli-born aerobics superstar, Gilad Yankelevich is headed to Israel from Hawaii to oversee the production of an IDF sports video that will be given to troops in Lebanon so they can keep in shape.

Yankelevich, a former IDF sports instructor, answered a call to volunteer his time from Col. Haim Tel-Avivi, head of the IDF's Combat Fitness branch.

The 20-minute video will start with a warm up, followed by 12 minutes of step aerobics and then strength exercises. "The idea is for individual soldiers or pairs to train while in the outposts in

Lebanon," Tel-Avivi said. The IDF has recently installed in the outposts weight rooms donated by the Soldiers' Welfare Association. The video is meant to supplement their physical training.

Planning for the video will take place at the IDF Combat Fitness headquarters near the Wingate Sports College next week. Yankelevich will reform on the video and it is not clear whether they will be joined by Yankelevich's assistant, he will just supervise the action.

"Yankelevich is better than others like Jimmy Crawford, because he is simple and makes you feel like you can do it," Tel-Avivi said. "He will be a great asset to the IDF."

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US teacher jailed after having pupil's baby

By KIM MURPHY

KENT, Washington — She was a popular teacher, known for working past midnight on school projects and being a compassionate ally to her students. He was one of the special ones: a sixth-grader with whom she had recognized a kindred spirit when he entered her class, talented and intense.

The relationship that developed between the 13-year-old boy and his teacher, a 35-year-old mother of four who gave birth to the boy's baby in June, unfolded in a Washington courtroom Friday, where Superior Court Judge Linda Lau sentenced Mary Kay LeTourneau to six months in jail and at least three years of treatment for sex offenders.

LeTourneau pleaded guilty in August to two counts of second-degree child rape, but it was on Friday that prosecutors, psychological evaluators and defense lawyers provided the most detailed account of the yearlong affair — a liaison that cost LeTourneau her job, her husband, her children, and finally, her freedom.

Prosecutors had demanded a long prison term for the school teacher, daughter of former Orange County Republican Congressman John Schmitz, pointing out that LeTourneau still holds strong feelings of romantic attachment to the boy, who also claims to love her.

But a tearful LeTourneau, standing thin and wan before the judge in a demure black pleated skirt, said she had realized her mistake.

"I did something I had no right to do, morally or legally," she said, her soft voice breaking. "Help me."

The case has opened a national debate on female sex offenders and the curious diversity in reaction to what the attractive blond school-

teacher did: Was she, as prosecutors allege, a predator without conscience? Or, as dozens of male respondents to local newspapers and talk radio programs suggest, the answer to every school boy's dream?

About one-fifth of all boys who are victims of sexual abuse are molested by women. Yet much of the debate over LeTourneau, who pleaded guilty to two counts of second degree child rape, has centered on whether her crime was as serious as that of an older man preying on a young girl. To suggest otherwise, say opponents of such an idea, is to impose a dangerous double standard.

"She abused the trust placed in her as a schoolteacher, as a mother, as a wife and as an adult," argued senior deputy prosecutor Lisa Johnson. "She exploited him for her own needs, her own selfishness and her own inadequacies.... She is an adult who sexually abused a sixth-grade boy."

The boy himself, who with his mother is raising LeTourneau's infant child, professes still to be in love with his former teacher. His mother said she has forgiven LeTourneau for her "mistake" and asked the court to be lenient.

"I don't feel that this is a crime. My son does not feel victimized," she said. "Look deep into your hearts. Society wants Mary cast away and put into jail. Society does not wake up at 2 o'clock in the morning when the baby cries. Society does not have to feel the guilt of a 14-year-old boy if he sends her to jail."

LeTourneau had been one of the most highly respected teachers at Shorewood Elementary School in Burien, Wash., earning high marks for her long hours, creative curriculum and close relationships with her young charges.

"She was one of these kind of nontraditional

teachers who was always willing to try a new technique, maybe throw out the tried and true and try a new lesson plan," school district spokesman Nick Latham said. "Some kids saw her in some cases like a peer. She could in some cases get right down to the level of the kids."

Students, he said, would often come back to see her after they had gone on to middle school. The boy in question was one of them. He had first entered LeTourneau's class as a second-grader, and she quickly recognized his artistic ability and a spirit that she said made her feel bonded to him. The relationship grew over the years, and the year after the boy graduated from her sixth-grade class, he continued to come by the elementary school to see LeTourneau.

The boy told authorities they had sex about six times over the next year, usually at her home or in the back of her car. His teacher, he said, warned him of devastating consequences if he talked about it.

She made a deliberate decision to get pregnant, he said, so they could remain bonded together.

The relationship was revealed when LeTourneau's husband in February found love letters she had written to the boy. One of his relatives eventually phoned the school district, which alerted the police. She was arrested the same day, but allowed to remain out of jail until she gave birth to the baby in June.

Since then, her husband has moved out of state with her four children. Her husband by court order oversees all her correspondence with her children, ages 12, 10, 5 and 3.

LeTourneau sees her five-month-old daughter only when a state social worker brings the baby to the jail.

Yeltsin fires top officials over book-fee scandal

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin dismissed two top privatization officials yesterday and sharply rebuked his first deputy prime minister in the growing scandal over huge fees paid to government insiders for writing a book.

Yeltsin's press service said the president signed a decree dismissing privatization chief Maxim Boiko and the head of the Federal Bankruptcy Agency, Pyotr Mostovoi.

The president sharply criticized First Deputy Prime Minister Anatoly Chubais for his role in writing the book, but declined his offer to resign, the press service said.

Yeltsin said Chubais' activities "were not acceptable," but did not

accept his letter offering to resign, the service said.

On Friday, Yeltsin sacked his first deputy chief of staff Alexander Kazakov for being one of the authors who reportedly received a \$90,000 advance for a yet-to-be-published book called "The History of Russian Privatization."

In addition to Kazakov and Chubais, the authors include Boiko, his predecessor Alfred Kokh, Federal Securities Commission chairman Dmitry Vasiliev, and Arkady Yevstafiev, a former Chubais aide who now runs a foundation.

The authors account for the bulk of the government's privatization team. The payments came from

Segodnya-Press, a Russian publisher part-owned by an affiliate of Oneximbank, one of Russia's largest banks and a major beneficiary of the privatization program. Communist members of parliament claimed this week that the huge fees for the book — an unlikely best seller — amounted to a bribe. Opposition politicians have asked prosecutors to look into the case.

Chubais earlier blamed the attacks in parliament on financial groups that lost out to Oneximbank in recent privatization auctions. He hinted that the charges were leveled by a journalist backed by financiers Vladimir Gusinsky and Boris Berezovsky, two fierce rivals of Oneximbank and Chubais.

Yale University bans sex between students and faculty

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — Yale University has decided to ban sex between students and teachers, toughening a policy that previously only frowned on such relations.

The new policy was adopted Thursday by the provost's office, following the recommendation of a 10-member committee appointed after a student complained an assistant professor sexually harassed her.

A sexual relationship between a student and teacher "jeopardizes the integrity of the educational process by creating a conflict of interest and may lead to an

inhospitable learning environment for other students," the panel concluded.

The new policy, which does not spell out any punishment for violating the ban, will take effect next semester. It will apply to all faculty, including graduate assistants, who have current or future "direct supervisory" control over a student.

Two years ago, a 17-year-old female undergraduate accused former Yale assistant mathematics professor Jay Jorgenson of sexual harassment. He denied the allegations but resigned anyway.

Rains in Somalia kill 2,000

By HAROUN HASSAN

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Heavy rains continued to threaten thousands of southern Somalis stranded yesterday by flooding that has already killed as many as 2,000 people.

International aid agencies were trying to find helicopters to get supplies to the region, where many people have been sighted huddled on hilltops or perched on roofs and in trees amid the spreading flood.

"If the level of the water rises one meter, they are dead," Red Cross spokesman Josue Anselmo said.

A month of flooding has inundated large areas of southern Somalia between the Ethiopian border and the Indian Ocean coast.

The Somali Flood Response coordinating office estimates as many as 210,000 people have fled their homes to escape the rising water.

The aid agencies have estimated

that the flooding's death toll could be as high as 2,000 people. David Neff, CARE International's country director for Somalia, said any figure below 2,000 "has got to be conservative."

CARE reported yesterday that the bodies of 766 victims had been identified, while the UN children's fund said 1,000 had been identified.

Neff said the Juba, normally a sluggish river that runs from Ethiopia south to the Indian Ocean port of Kismayo, is now 12 kilometers wide at some points. Officials fear the Juba and the Shabelle river may merge to create an inland sea covering eight regions and 150 sq. kilometers.

Hundreds of people were stranded Friday when the Shabelle burst over its banks at Gohar, 95 kilometers north of Mogadishu.

Anselmo said the Red Cross was continuing its twice daily flights to deliver high-protein biscuits and plastic sheeting to airstrips in Somalia that were still above water. The aid agencies

have been appealing for governments to provide helicopters that would carry the supplies from the airstrips to the stranded Somalis.

Somalia has no functioning central government since civil war broke out in 1991 after the overthrow of former dictator Mohamed Siad Barre.

UNICEF spokeswoman Lynn Geldof said agencies had received pledges of about half the \$9.6 million needed.

"It's very depressing not to be able to reach these people when we know the means are there," she said. "The price is the death of a lot of Somalis."

Many donor countries are reluctant to return to Somalia, where their missions were attacked and robbed beginning in 1992 by warring militias during a three-year US-led effort to help famine victims.

Most agencies pulled out in 1995. The rising waters have wiped out the freshly harvested staple crop, sorghum.



Lean on Daddy

A child in a komono is carried by her father yesterday after celebrating a traditional rite at a Tokyo shrine. Most preschool children in Japan celebrate their health and prosperity in such ceremonies that have been conducted for generations. (AP)

US, Mexico declare war on drugs and gangs

By STANLEY WEISLER

WASHINGTON — Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo joined President Clinton on Friday in launching a hemisphere-wide arms pact that Clinton said will help "fight the unlawful trade in guns that contributes to the violence associated here in America with drugs and gangs."

The two presidents witnessed the signing of the treaty by the ambassadors of the 34 countries that make up the Organization of American States. The ceremonies in the ornate headquarters of the OAS provided a symbolic climax to the two-day visit of the Mexican president, who basked in praise from Clinton earlier in the day.

Extolling Mexico's democratic

political reforms and continuing recovery from its severe economic crisis, Clinton said, "It's not for me to say, but if I were a Mexican citizen, I would be very pleased with the performance of Mexico and its economy and its markets over the last several weeks" as financial instability has convulsed much of the world.

For Zedillo, the arms treaty represented a diplomatic triumph. Mexican officials long have complained that gun-running, especially from the United States, has exacerbated their drug and crime problems, and he first proposed the pact almost a year ago. Its quick adoption by the usually slow-moving OAS was hailed by observers of the group as a record.

The treaty requires the countries of the Western Hemisphere to

license the export and import of firearms; mark weapons with serial numbers at the time of manufacture; and cooperate with each other in the suppression of illegal arms shipments. Legal arms imports and exports, however, would not be curtailed.

Although a handful of US-Mexican agreements were signed as well, the visit, Zedillo's second to Washington as president, was largely a time for him to burnish his own image and that of Mexico.

The Yale-educated Zedillo speaks English fluently and made the case for his country's progress in democracy, economic health and the war on drugs to audiences as varied as the US Chamber of Commerce and viewers of Larry King's CNN interview program. (Los Angeles Times)

Army official resigns in wake of Marines furor

By BILL McALLISTER and DANA PRIEST

WASHINGTON — Assistant Army Secretary Sara E. Lister, a Washington lawyer who successfully pressed the military to open more jobs to women, has abruptly resigned, attempting to quell a furor she created by branding the Marines "extremists."

Lister, the service's top personnel officer and a confidante of Army Secretary Togo D. West Jr., quit her Pentagon position Friday, a week ahead of schedule after her apologies failed to quell the firestorm of demands for her ouster.

White House and Pentagon aides said Lister decided on her own to resign. Lister said her quotes had been misconstrued.

"My main point was that the Marines were different," she said. "I used the wrong word and apologized."

Congressional Republicans said her remarks were the Clinton administration's latest affront to the military and they demanded she be drummed out of office for besmirching the reputation of the small but proud service.

At an October 26 seminar sponsored by Harvard University's John T.

Olin Institute for Strategic Studies in Baltimore, Lister described Marines as "extremists."

"I think the Army is much more connected to society than the Marines are," she said in a rambling speech. "The Marines are extremists. Wherever you have extremists, you've got the risk of total disconnection from society, and that's a little dangerous."

When asked about the various services' television ads, Lister replied: "The Marine Corps is — you know, they have all these checkerboard fancy uniforms and stuff. But the Army is sort of muddy boots on the ground."

Rep. Gerald B.H. Solomon, R-N.Y., a former Marine who led the House effort to condemn Lister Thursday night, expressed relief at her departure. She "did the only thing she could do," he said.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said her resignation "sends a clear signal to every administration appointee that the military, which defends our lives and our freedom, must never be slandered, abused, or taken for granted."

Lister's defenders suggested that her critics may have fanned the controversy to keep her from succeeding West, who is expected to be nominated by President Clinton as secretary of Veterans Affairs.

"This wasn't about what she said, but what she and the Clinton administration have been doing to open the military to more women," said Nancy Duff Campbell, co-president of the National Women's Law Center, a group that backs the effort to open more military jobs to women.

Retired Brig. Gen. Evelyn "Pat" Foote, who was recalled to active duty to co-chair a panel looking into sexual harassment problems in the Army, offered high praise for Lister, saying, "I think she is one of the greatest soldiers the Army has ever had."

(The Washington Post)

Brain-dead American gives birth

ROCHESTER, New York (AP) — Lisa Nottingham was about four months pregnant when she suffered a brain hemorrhage and was declared brain dead. Her body was kept alive for the baby's sake.

On Friday, her baby girl was delivered by Caesarean section, premature and needing a ventilator to help her breathe, but otherwise healthy.

"It is such a wonderful baby," said JoAnn Nottingham, the infant's grandmother. "She looks just like her mother did when she was born."

Shortly after the delivery of the 1.4 kilogram baby, doctors removed 20-year-old Lisa Nottingham from the machines that had kept her alive for 14 weeks, since she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage 16 weeks into her pregnancy.

Twenty minutes later, she was dead.

Eight shot to death in South Africa tavern

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Attackers firing automatic rifles burst into a tavern in a black township near Johannesburg and shot to death eight people, police said yesterday.

The Friday night attack occurred in a squatter area of the Tokoza township, which was notorious for political violence in the years preceding South Africa's first all-race election in 1994 that ended apartheid.

Gauteng province police commissioner Sharma Maharaj called the Tokoza attack heinous "and senseless, but police lacked a motive or any idea about who carried it out."

Police Capt. Sipho Ngubane said gunmen who stormed into the tavern, known as a shebeen, fired at random on people drinking there. Five bodies were found inside the shack and three outside of it.

Detectives found cartridges from AK-47 assault rifles and 9mm pistols.

Political fighting between sup-

porters of the African National Congress and the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party killed hundreds of people in Tokoza from 1990 to 1994.

Inkatha supporters living in workers' dormitories in the township clashed with residents in a battle for territory and power. The violence decreased a week before the 1994 vote, when Inkatha ended its boycott of the election and started campaigning.

Since then, sporadic violence has erupted in what have been mostly crime, revenge attacks and clashes.

In a separate attack, three men opened fire on people at a township tavern outside the eastern port of Durban on Friday night, killing four people and wounding five, police said. The motive for the shooting was unknown and no arrests have been made, police said.

South African cities have high crime rates caused in part by widespread poverty among blacks and a preponderance of weapons available from former regional wars.

maries was legal. According to the rules, any proposal must be submitted to the convention a week before it opens.

MK Uzi Landau, whose proposal won in the end, "submitted it on time, but he amended it soon before the vote and the question is whether this does not infringe on the party rules," Sheetrit said.

He, too, plans to ask for an inquiry, "to see if illegal acts were committed prior to and during the convention."

Jay Bushinsky contributed to this report.

on diplomacy."

Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said yesterday that any Iraqi chemical weapons built before the Gulf War would no longer function.

"If there had been production [of chemical weapons] before 1991, do you think the material in the chemical weapons would still be active after seven years," Aziz said on France 2 television. "The sci-

entists could decide" whether inspections are needed, he said.

In London, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said he was brought into the picture on the crisis during his meeting with Albright, and that he has a clear understanding of the Clinton administration's intentions and capabilities. He said Israel's citizens could remain calm and confident their safety is assured.

CPI

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Commenting on the recommendation of the International Monetary Fund that the housing index be based on the cost of renting rather than purchasing property, CBS spokesman David Neumann said, "we've been in

the process of assessing this for more than a year. The IMF is only reflecting the fact that we're in the process."

The second largest contributor to the CPI rise was a 6% jump in the clothing and footwear index, comprised of a 6.1% rise in the cost of clothing and a 5.3% hike in shoe prices. These increases were attributed to seasonal fac-

tors. The fruit and vegetable index rose 1.9%, adding 0.1% to the overall CPI. The principle price rises were for fresh vegetables, which were up 5.1%. Other price increases included furniture and equipment by 1.3%, health care by 0.7%, education by 0.5% and transport and communications by 0.6%.

DUMP

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scheme to bring down Netanyahu and bring a leftist government into power. But I will want an investigation to heal the Likud's wounds."

Likud Knesset faction chairman Meir Sheetrit is to convene the faction today to begin reviewing the convention proceedings. This is a forum in which Netanyahu does not automatically enjoy a majority, and should its votes be by secret ballot, they could go against him, it is

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They agreed each would phone other world leaders yesterday.

Asked about the prospects for military force, the official said, "we want to do this until there is no hope.... The use of military force is an extension of your diplomatic efforts, but the focus right now is

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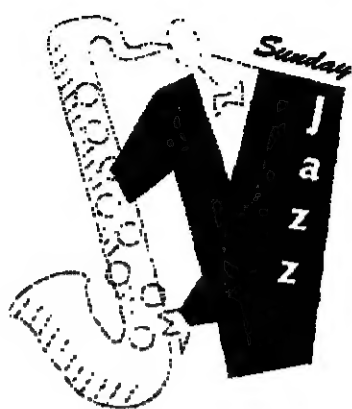
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Army office resigns in wake of Marines fur

By BILL McALLISTER and DANA PERI

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Ella Fitzgerald: The joy of cookin'



By Norm Guthartz

An expatriate New York pianist, who'd built a career introducing Nordics to bop, was trying to set a young jazz fan straight on what made

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DEAR ELLA
Dee Dee Bridgewater
(Helicon)

musicians tick. He had no patience for the young man's argument that great instrumentalists were always stretching their artistic expression, whether as part of a spiritual quest or in the cause of social and political revolution.

"No," the old jazz man said, "it's all showmanship." That young fan still holds onto... well, aspects of his perception. But he's ready to concede that there's one place where the sinews of "pure" art and playing to the audience are inextricably tangled: the work of jazz vocalists.

Ella Fitzgerald strutted comfortably between the two, rarely compromising her art while pleasing crowds for decades.

She shares top billing with Duke Ellington on the double-CD of a performance at the 1966 Cote d'Azur jazz festival. No longer the girlish innocent of the Swing era, her voice was mature but almost always joyous. The darkly ominous "Mack the Knife," for example, becomes a straight-up swinger in Fitzgerald's hands. Whether scatting - a singer's chance to stretch out and use the voice as a jazz instrument - or tearing through the lyrics, which she always clearly enunciated, Fitzgerald's renditions are full of positive energy. As a result, the "first lady of song" was criticized for lack of depth. But here she reaches into her tremendous stores of emotional power for the ballads "How Long Has This Been Going On?" and most notably "The More I See You."

The best collaborative effort of the album is the classic bit of Ellingtonia, "I Don't Mean a Thing," on which she scats over and around the Duke's mighty juggernaut of a band, at one point

trading some humorous vocal licks with gravel-voiced Ray Nance. She pulls off an exciting performance, using a varied arsenal of tricks and never falling into the trap of predictability.

With the spotlight on his band, Ellington gets inspired solos from alto saxophonist Johnny Hodges ("The Old Circus Train Turn-around Blues"), Nance (violin on "All Too Soon") and the inimitable tenorman, Paul Gonsalves, who takes a fluid ride on the melody of "Diminuendo in Blue" and a manic "Blow by Blow."

You'd think the creative sparks would fly whenever Ellington and Fitzgerald team up. They do, but not consistently. Sure, the performance is fun, at times riveting. But given the selection here, Verve, which produced this re-

sue, may want to reconsider its plan to release an eight-CD set next year with all their perfor-



Whether scatting or tearing through the lyrics, Fitzgerald's renditions are full of positive energy.

mances at Cote d'Azur.

WHAT MAY be the first of the

Ella tribute albums is Dee Dee Bridgewater's *Dear Ella*, which covers the most characteristic of

Fitzgerald's jazz and pop hits, from her 1938 novelty hit, "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," to "How High the Moon" from the 1950s Jazz at the Philharmonic concerts. But this is very much Bridgewater's show.

Though she scats some, especially on "How High" and the Duke's "Cotton Tail," Bridgewater's attack is much more direct than Fitzgerald's was, with fewer chances taken. With fewer chances, there is less improvisational excitement. Of course, this isn't what Bridgewater is primarily after; she coaxed gripping, very inventive arrangements from, among others, her ex-trumpeter Cecil Bridgewater.

"Undecided" avoids the straight swinging route, building up a sense of uneasy tension which adds a layer of meaning to the lyrics. And Bridgewater's "Mack the Knife" takes its cue from the sinister tale woven by the lyrics.

Dee Dee B. is not just a singer fronting for lush, evocative arrangements, though. Her creative mark is very evident throughout. She set the specifications for the arrangers, whose job was to complement the singer's considerable emotional range.

This album isn't aimed at breaking any new ground, though the creative juices that flowed in making it are certainly evident. How

The first 'Field' marshal

By HELEN KAYE

'It's an eerie coincidence,' says director Gadi Inbar, 'but we've had a war every time this play was done. I hope this is not an omen.'

He's speaking of Moshe Shamir's *Hu Halach Besador* (*He Went through the Fields*). It was the first play by a native-born author, and it premiered at the four-year-old Carmel theater in 1948, two weeks after the declaration of the State of Israel. There were revivals in 1956 just before the Sinai Campaign, and again in 1967 before the outbreak of the Six Day War.

This production is currently previewing at the Beersheba Theater and stars Sharon Zur as Uri, the young Palmahnik, and Efrat Reiten as Milka, a Holocaust survivor and new immigrant.

Hu Halach "is basically a love story," says Inbar, who is also the director of *Twilight of the Gods* at Beersheba. "It's only afterwards that Uri was metamorphosed into the mythological Sabra, the invincible and heroic symbol of the New Jew."

Uri is 19, the first child born in the fictitious Kibbutz Cat Ha'anakin, and therefore special. He falls in love with 18-year-old Milka, goes on a mission with the Palmah (today's IDF), and gets killed.

The play tells his story in flashback on the first anniversary of his death. "These characters aren't at all heroic," says Inbar. "They have weaknesses, doubts. They're quarrelsome, often insensitive - in short, human."

The play was adapted from Shamir's novel of the same name, published in 1946. In the interim, Inbar recounts, Shamir's brother Elik was killed on one of the convoys to Jerusalem "so the play is already less idyllic and pastoral than the novel."

All the same, despite its plangent chords of self-sacrifice and loss, "*Hu Halach* sings the innocence and hopefulness of those early years when time has turned to cynicism, disillusionment and suspicion."

Inbar, himself a reserve officer in a combat unit, lost his brother Yair in the 1973 Yom Kippur War. "Everything I've done since then has been influenced by that loss. That reality is known to me, and the more we move away from the moral codes that justified the self-sacrifice, the bereavements, the greater our pain. Today, not even bereavement is within the consensus," he says.

"In past productions, the texts were sometimes changed to fit the times. We haven't changed a comma. We're still going through the fields, still trying to protect our land, ourselves, our souls. We haven't arrived yet."

Too much of a Gov thing

Sabra Sounds



By Emily Hauser

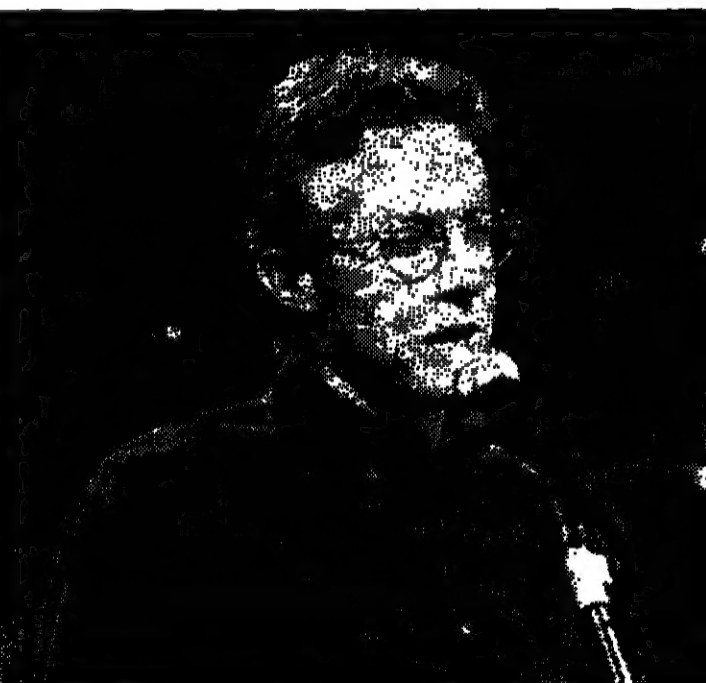
SHIRIM ME'LAILA GOV - *Ha'osef Hasheni* is a three-disc, two-hour-and-50-minute compilation of songs performed by Gidi Gov and friends on Gov's popular talk show. As such, it begs one obvious question: can too much of a good thing be, in the end, simply too much? It's not that this isn't good work. There are some real gems here. The revamped "Ezra Medina" ("What a Country"), sung by Gov, Ya'acov Cohen and songwriter and

SHIRIM ME'LAILA GOV - *HA'OSEF HASHENI* (Songs from Laila Gov - The Second Collection) Gidi Gov (Red Arzi) ***

HA'ATIFA SHEEL HAMAMTAK ("The Candy Wrapper") Shabak Samech (NMC) ***

original singer Eli Louzon, updates what has become a classic, refreshing the sense of betrayal the song always portrayed. "Zemer Nogh" ("Melancholy Song"), written in a clearly female voice by legendary poet Rachel, is given achingly beautiful treatment by the harmonizing talents of Gov, Shlomo Artzi, Rami Kleinstein and Yosi Rechter. And Gov's version of Shalom Hanoch's well-loved "Lo Yode'a Eich Lomar Lach" ("I Don't Know How To Tell You") is both true to the original while sounding as if Gov himself had written the heart-broken lyrics.

Moreover, the musicianship is as sharp and professional as one would expect from the various famous guests, and Gov's in-



Gidi Gov doesn't reveal his real talent on this disc.

house band, Ha'tanim, and the straightforward production are just right, showcasing the songs without overwhelming. Even the packaging is exceptionally attractive, the CD box adorned with bright, stylized portraits of most of the singers, and it comes complete with a lovely lyric book.

But still - two hours and 50 minutes? Even chocolate cake comes in slices, and frankly, not all the tracks are great. Much as it pains me to say this about two of my favorite singers, the duets performed with Meir Banai and Jeremy Kaplan shouldn't be here - neither Gov nor his guests come anywhere close to showing their real talents in these songs. With such a wealth to choose from, couldn't the weaker entries have been culled together? The consumer would have gotten a better overall product and probably saved a little off the NIS 125 - NIS 139 purchase price.

ISRAELI rap. Well... Even though the Shabak Samech song "Al Tagidu Li" ("Don't Tell Me"), from its second CD, *Ha'atifa Shel Hamamtak* (*The Candy Wrapper*), expressly instructs doubters - and

in particular doubting journalists - "Don't tell me it doesn't work in Hebrew," I'm going to go out on a limb: to these American ears, Israeli rap sounds a little silly. Nice Jewish boys from the Middle East trying to sound like gangsters straight outta South Central, and in Hebrew no less, doesn't quite work for me.

However, that is not to say that these particular nice Jewish boys haven't done a good job at what they set out to do. The identifying characteristics of many a rap lyric are all here: a certain misogyny, rebellious youth for the sake of rebelliousness, rhymes that stretch credibility but often entertain nonetheless, and a slew of self-references and inside jokes. I may not always like what the lyrics have to say, but I can't deny that Shabak Samech is articulate within its particular genre.

One way in which *Ha'atifa Shel Hamamtak* is quite different from a lot of rap, though, is the vast range of musical styles that underlies the rhyming. Everything from funk to grunge to reggae to old school rock 'n' roll can be found here, and there are any number of killer bass lines and guitar licks. Yossi Fine, a superior bassist and producer who has worked with the likes of David Bowie, is the album's producer and co-writer of all the songs - and no doubt had a hand in shaping the CD's musical excellence.

In short, will I spend a lot of time listening to this disc? No. Is it good? Yes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Q: What does Gidi Gov have to do with the Shabak Samech song "Tike'u Be'hazotza" ("Sound the Horns")? A: In "Tike'u Be'hazotza," the boys in Shabak Samech sing the line "Be'chol zot biganu lanrot hakol" ("We got here in spite of everything"), paying homage to a song performed by the legendary band Kaveret, of which Gov was a founding member.

A Roge's gallery of French music

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

French pianist Pascal Roge returns later this week to Haifa, where many years ago he made an unexpected debut as a conductor. Roge was performing with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at the time. Before a concert in Haifa, which took place on Purim, conductor Michael Tilson Thomas suggested to Roge, as they were going on stage, to switch roles just for fun. Roge, who thought it was a Purim joke, agreed. But Thomas was serious and so Roge, for a third of a movement, made his startling debut on the podium.

It was his first and last experience with a baton, though. Because in contrast to many pianists of our generation who became conductors as well, Roge is happy just playing the piano.

"I'm one of those rare pianists who enjoy sharing music with good conductors."

"When you play with mediocre conductors, you wish you could do it yourself." While Roge recalls experiences in which conductors were far from flexible and "I wished I could do a recital instead," he does like conductors "with whom I can perform often. I like to have a partnership. It's like chamber music. It's the same

approach on a larger scale - sharing ideas and emotions." The ideal conductor to work with, Roge says, is the one you do not have to explain anything to. "Explaining is boring."

Roge will return for the sixth time to Israel since his debut here in 1976. Aside from the IPO, he has played with the Israel Chamber Orchestra and the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. And he is quick to compliment these ensembles. "It's rare to have so many good orchestras in such a small country."

In one of his visits to Haifa, Roge performed the second piano concerto by Camille Saint-Saens. He says there is an advantage to playing a lot of French music. "Some of these works are not played that often, so you reveal them to the audience."

"After all, Beethoven's fifth piano concerto has been played a lot. But in many places where I play the fifth Saint-Saens concerto, it is the first time the audience has heard it."

Roge, who grew up in Paris and now lives in Geneva, does not believe that only French pianists can understand French piano music. "There are many ways to play this music, and non-French pianists also play it very well." But you need to have a sense of what French culture is all about to

capture the essence and flavor of French music. "You have to know French food, the French poets and literature, and the culture that all the composers were influenced by. You need to know where they lived and what they saw and what they ate. You have to be part of the French style and think of colors and sound." If you listen to Roge's recordings of French music, you will understand what he means.

Despite his affinity to French music, Roge finds it difficult to explain it in words. "It's more like perfume. You can't describe French wine, either. You can use words but they never tell the real story." What Roge can say is that French music "is transparent and does not have the deep darkness and profound sound of the German repertoire."

"I'm very comfortable in this style," says Roge. "I know I can communicate a lot with that music. As long as I don't feel frustrated, which is not the case, I'm fine. I'm not trapped in the French repertoire; I play Brahms and a lot of Mozart."

Pascal Roge plays *Darius Milhaud's Le Carnaval d'Aix* and *Francis Poulenc's piano concerto* with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, November 22, 23, 24, 25, 27.

Fran is just Fine for Drescher

By ALEX MOTT, ROSIE ALAIMO AND ARIAN RUSTEM

We interviewed actress Fran Drescher after seeing her movie *The Beautician and the Beast* in New York City. (She came up with the name and the idea for the film.) Fans know her as Fran Fine in the CBS sitcom *The Nanny*. She said playing a beautician was easy, since she went to beauty culture school. Drescher was born and raised in New York City.

Q: How did you get into acting?

A: When I was in junior high, I was already thinking I wanted to be an actress. I joined the acting club in school and always tried to be, if nothing else, part of the chorus. In high school I entered the Miss New York Teenager beauty pageant thinking maybe that would help me get into show business. I placed first runner-up. After I finished high school, I began to call talent agents to see if I could get an interview.

That's how I got started in the business. I have been acting professionally since I was 17.

Q: Are you going to stop playing the nanny in the TV series and go on to other things?

A: No way. *The Nanny* is my



Fran Drescher has no intention of quitting 'The Nanny.'

Starship Galactica. It is the thing that gave me success. I love playing this role. I love the relation-

ship I have with the cast. That's my baby. I invented it. I produce it, and I write on it. I will con-

tinue to do movies because I get three months off every year.

Q: What was the first thing you ever did on screen?

A: I had a small part in *Saturday Night Fever* with John Travolta.

Q: How do you feel about your Fran Fine character in 'The Nanny'?

A: I love her so much. She is always so up and funny. She is really childlike in so many ways. She seems to have a good time living with the Sheffields.

Q: Are you anything like her?

A: Oh, yes. All of Fran Fine is in me, just not all of me is in her. She is a little more focused on wanting to be married and have children. And right now I am a little more focused on getting my career to a place where I feel comfortable with what I am doing. But she is very similar to the way I was in high school.

Q: Do you play up your accent when you're acting?

A: Sometimes people ask me, "What happened to your voice?" I think it depends on my energy level and my mood. The tone of my voice in the movie is much more subdued than in the TV series. (Newsday)

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#4	3	6	SHLOMO ARTZI	LIVE 97
#5	11	5	ROLLING STONES	BRIDGES OF BABYLON
#6	4	12	SHABAK SAMECH	BATIFA SHEEL MAMTAK
#7	10	18	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	KOL MA SHETIRTZI
#8	14	14	ARIK EINHSTEIN	LEAN PARHUL
#9	17	4	PORTISHEAD	PORTISHEAD
#10	5	11	BACKSTREET BOYS	BACKSTREET'S BACK
#11	NEW	1	VIA	100% PURE DANCE
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Saddam must be destroyed

There seems little point in asking for more sanctions against Saddam Hussein — those in place are failing. Nor is there much point in calling for a united world effort to bring him to heel — the grand coalition of 1991 has fallen apart. Even those Arab states that should feel most threatened by Saddam are unwilling to line up again with the West against an Arab leader, even one as despicable as that in Baghdad.

That leaves the world waiting for US President Bill Clinton again. But the times have changed, and one can only feel sorry for Clinton's dilemma. Clinton has proved himself both willing and capable of standing up to Saddam. But his dilemma now is how to teach Saddam a sharp lesson without causing a dangerous conflict, while most of America's allies look the other way. Saddam is often described as Saddam insane, but as former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger pointed out last week, he has a remarkable ability not only to survive, but to calculate and maneuver events to his advantage. Saddam's perception and aims are clear — crack the coalition, mock the Americans — and he judges the time is ripe.

There has been some recent grumbling from various quarters about the overbearing attitude of the United States since it has become the only world superpower. These mutterings have come from France on cultural grounds, from Asian states like Malaysia on economic grounds, from a Russia that feels itself elbowed out of diplomacy. It is now long enough since the Gulf War for Iraqis to find some sympathy by asking if there is to be no end to the sanctions imposed on them, and they could not possibly have anything left to hide.

All of this puts Clinton in a difficult position. He can neither gather enough United Nations forces to give moral authority to military action, nor guarantee that US interests will not be damaged by a unilateral strike. Saddam, having a nose for trouble like a school bully, has therefore chosen to thumb that nose in Washington's face, on some sort of instinct that retaliation will be lame, late, or not at all.

Of course Saddam has miscalculated before and Clinton is no man to push too far. Saddam probably will not convert his threat to shoot down UN spy planes manned by Americans into reality. Such an act of war would bring a swift and powerful response and Clinton would not even have to bother seeking international or UN approval.

Likewise, fears in Israel that he might strike here with missiles seem exaggerated. Even

looking at such an action through Saddam's eyes, it is hard to see any advantage. He would need to be in the grip of a serious death wish to attempt it, since Israel owes him one since 1991, and will certainly not tolerate any more cavalier games with its security.

So far all the United States has done is ask for more UN sanctions, and all it has achieved is a fairly feeble Security Council resolution. This has proved Saddam's calculations to be right. Western states, with the possible exceptions of Britain and Israel, have become weary of the whole Saddam saga. Russia and China are economically better off than seven years ago, and are confidently carving out aggressive self-interest foreign policies in pursuit of their theories of a multi-polar, as opposed to a uni-superpower world. Given the allied attitude of hostility at worst, "who cares?" at best, all the US administration can do is patch up the leaky sanctions ship with some diplomatic duct tape.

If Saddam is only marginally judged to have won this confrontation, he will have prepared the way for more and bigger trouble to come. Unfortunately, there probably is no quick fix, short of assassination. The US is paying the price for a job half done. There are two major failures in dealing with Saddam — not finishing him and his cronies off after the liberation of Kuwait and, even worse, failing to help the Iraqi opposition get its act together to overthrow him.

The only truly acceptable and non-controversial way to end it would have been by Iraqi revolt or insurgency. If the United States had the real will to take the Iraq problem seriously, it could organize and arm such a coup, giving Iraqis a boost by allowing them to take credit for getting rid of the butcher themselves.

If Saddam at last emasculates UN weapons inspections, there will be worse to come. He has no economic or political policies for his people that need waste his time — he is concerned only with rearming and revenge. His best option is not expensive and impossible-to-hide nuclear or missile programs, which also take a long time to rebuild. It is the simple chemical and biological agents that he is now trying desperately to protect. With these, Saddam can rearm in months. In a year or two he can fit them on top of basic missiles.

Then we can all worry. Sanctions are crumbling — a neat metaphor for the will of those who thought of them as a bulwark against Saddam. They are not. Saddam's regime must be destroyed, and quickly. There is no other solution to the recurring Iraq problem.



Politics of antisemitism

DAVID WEINBERG

Is the struggle against antisemitism around the world Israel's fight?

For close to 30 years the official answer to this question was a resounding no. Now that's changed, and there are policy implications.

In Israel's early years, the unspoken attitude was "if Jews abroad have a problem with antisemitism they can always migrate to Israel." Indeed, the founding labor-socialist fathers of Israel were of the opinion that with the establishment of the Jewish state, antisemitism would eventually shrink to insignificance. Immersed in the business of building and defending the new Jewish nation, Israel's leaders had no time for "troubles of the past."

Attitudes began to change in the Seventies. The campaign of political delegitimization against Israel launched by the Arabs after the Yom Kippur War often was tinged with antisemitism. To many Israelis, anti-Zionism and antisemitism seemed indistinguishable. After the Rue Copernic synagogue bombing in Paris in June 1982 and other terror attacks, prime minister Begin took the decision to have Israeli officials begin advising Jewish communities abroad on security measures. Those in Israel who always had believed that "the whole world is against us," like Begin, made potent political use of this theme, and response to antisemitism rapidly found its place on the national agenda.

With the disintegration of the Communist bloc, an enhanced role for Israeli diplomacy regarding antisemitism became more necessary and possible. Jerusalem intervened and pressed for government crackdowns on official and street manifestations of antisemitism in the emerging states of the former USSR. The wave of neo-Nazi violence that swept Germany in 1993 brought to a climax public clamor for Israeli government action on antisemitism.

The Knesset held a special debate on the matter, and one former Mossad chief even suggested publicly that Israeli agents act against neo-Nazi leaders.

Antisemitism in Arab media and government is now on the government's agenda, too. It was no coincidence that congressmen directly confronted Hosni Mubarak with the issue of antisemitism in the Egyptian press, during the president's March visit to the US.

Then-cabinet secretary Elyakim Rubinstein established an Inter-Ministerial Forum for Monitoring Antisemitism in 1988, which today involves Diaspora Jewish representatives and academic experts too.

The forum and the ADL founded the Tel Aviv University Project on Antisemitism in 1992, a documentation and research center. The project compiles a report on antisemitism around the world which is debated yearly by the full cabinet. Subsequently, the World Jewish Congress joined the consortium, and the project now convenes an annual convocation of researchers and monitors of antisemitism from around the world.

Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh, who chairs the forum, led the most recent such meeting, in October. Naveh is now pushing the forum in controversial directions. Firstly, he wants the government and the Jewish groups associated with the forum to agitate for legislation abroad that will limit access to sources of hate literature, such as neo-Nazi web sites on the Internet. The ADL opposes this approach. They have documented and exposed racist Internet networks and fought for hate crimes legislation which mandates increased penalties for racially-motivated offenses. But Naveh's proposals involve limits on free speech.

More politically, Naveh wants the forum to take up Palestinian antisemitism, and more specifically, the "antisemitism" inherent in the Palestinian Authority-declared death sentence for Palestinians who sell lands to Israelis.

Tel Aviv University and the major Jewish organizations fear politicization of the forum. "Our ability to combat antisemitism abroad could be undermined if the forum is perceived to be pursuing a political agenda," one of the forum members told me. "The death sentence for land dealers is definitely a violation of human rights, but is it antisemitism? This is, after all, a political conflict over land," he avers.

Perhaps. But it would be unfortunate if the antisemitism of Arafat or that of his colleagues were to be glossed over, by the project or Jewish organizations, because of any degree of discomfort with the Netanyahu government's diplomatic posture. Imagery and language that fits nicely with the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* is becoming commonplace in the Gaza and Ramallah press.

And what do you do when national interest conflicts with principled opposition to antisemitism? Take, for example, our decision to sell arms to Croatian leader Franjo Turzic, a man with undisguised antisemitic proclivities.

These are some of the dilemmas posed by our new-found and belated diplomatic agenda in fighting antisemitism. Nonetheless, the fact that the voice of Jerusalem is now appropriately being heard reflects a maturity in Israeli thinking. It's not just that antisemitism is a global growth industry that threatens Jewish brethren. Racism and antisemitism threaten the very fabric of western, liberal-democratic societies, even when Jews are not the first target of extremists. And ultimately, that's the greatest danger of all.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Equality for the Beduin

DAVID NEWMAN

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan's recent comment on the need to control the territorial expansion of the Negev Beduin has, once again, raised the uncomfortable issue of how we relate to our Arab minority.

There are approximately 100,000 Beduin in the northern Negev. This community has experienced one of the most rapid growth rates of any population group within the country over the past 40 years. Approximately half of them live in the seven townships which have been created by the government as a means of ensuring that they exchange their nomadic lifestyle for a more fixed abode.

Not all Beduin are impressed by the settled life offered to them. Many see the offer as a means by which the state forces them to give up their former lifestyle for political, rather than socio-economic reasons.

Many of them continue to live in tent encampments, some of which have become more permanent, as orchards have been planted, huts have been transformed into buildings, and generators have enabled the use of most household appliances.

The Beduin have demanded that the government recognize the legitimacy of these rural communities, rather than force them to move into the townships. This, they argue, is more in line with their traditional lifestyle, allowing them the space to keep their animals and partially cultivate the soil. But successive governments view this as no more than an attempt to wrest land from state control.

The struggle for land has become particularly acute. Driving along the roads leading north from Beersheba, one is aware of the continuous spread of Beduin settlement. Jewish residents of the region see this as an attempt to

prevent further Jewish settlements, while the Beduin feel it is no more than laying claim to the land they have traversed for centuries.

Beduin land claims are based on tradition, while Israeli law demands legal proof of ownership. The absence of the latter enables the government and the courts to forcefully remove the Beduin from much of this land, claiming that the settlements have been established illegally.

The state continues to adopt a paternalistic attitude toward its Beduin citizens. While the two earliest townships, Rahat and Tel Sheva, now have their own elected municipal authorities, the five new townships — Lakya, Hora, Segev Shalom, Kusseifa, and Aroer — are currently administered through government appointees.

In some cases, these appointees are members of Shas, close affiliates of Interior Minister Eli Shliss. They know little, if anything, about local government, let alone the special needs of a different cultural community and often choose to carry out their municipal duties from Beersheba, rather than within the communities themselves.

This is particularly insulting to the Beduin, especially considering that in recent years, an educated elite has been emerging. This includes a cadre of doctors, accountants, lawyers, university teachers, and other white-collar professionals, all of whom are capable of administering to the needs of the communities within which they live, and with which they are familiar.

The lack of adequate government investment within these communities has only been partially compensated for by the involvement of alternative organizations, such as

the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the Jewish-Arab Economic Development Fund, and the Abraham Foundation, to name but a few, which support and fund projects aimed at transforming the Beduin into first-, rather than second-class citizens.

It does not reflect positively on the state that these communities have to turn to outside organizations to provide them with basic services they should be receiving from the government.

Over the past 50 years, the State of Israel has gradually lost the loyalty of its Arab citizens because it has not treated them as equals in allocating scarce resources. Eitan's obscene comments are just one more example of what many Jewish Israelis feel about their minority population, constantly seeing them as a threat to be controlled, rather than as equal citizens.

Israel has a choice to make. Either it can invest in the Beduin community and expect loyalty in return, or it can continue to treat the Beduin as second-class citizens, in which case it cannot expect them to identify with the state or its institutions.

A true democracy respects the rights of its minority populations, even when their cultural and religious affiliations are not those of the dominant population group.

The attitude of the government toward the Beduin is a real challenge, one which will prove whether it is possible for the state to be a real democracy, or simply a state in which the Jewish majority enjoys first-class status. After 50 years of statehood, the Beduin deserve better.

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Reversal of fortune

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

In the aftermath of the judge's reduction of Louise Woodward's verdict and sentence, several points must not be overlooked. First, is there anybody on the face of the earth who believes that on the basis of the prosecution's evidence, the 19-year-old girl was guilty of first-degree murder? Yet that is the crime with which District Attorney Thomas Reilly charged Louise Woodward. Why would a prosecutor so abuse his discretion by overcharging in this manner?

There are four answers to this question. First, Reilly is running for attorney general of Massachusetts, and no politician — at least until this case — ever lost an election for being too tough on crime. If you don't agree, just ask Rudy Giuliani.

Second, prosecutors with weak cases often overcharge in order to coerce a plea bargain. Many defendants facing the possibility of a mandatory life sentence will consider seriously any plea that eliminates the risk — however slight — of a long prison term.

Third, by charging first-degree murder, the prosecutor guarantees that the defendant will receive some punishment even if ultimately acquitted. This is the reality, because defendants charged with just first-degree murder are almost never released on bail. Although the courts make believe that pre-trial detention is not punishment, the judge's decision in this case to sentence Woodward to time served proves that imprisonment before trial is precisely the same as imprisonment after conviction: They are both punishment.

And fourth, some prosecutors tend to see cases in simplistic black-and-white terms. Reilly repeatedly reminded us that a child is dead. That is tragically true. But the issue in this case is the defendant's state of mind. The prosecutors concede that Woodward did not intend to kill. The evidence was consistent with the conclusion that the death may well have been an accident.

The essence of a civilized legal system is its ability to distinguish between malicious and accidental killings, even though in both cases, the victim is dead. Prosecutors who pander to the simplistic notion that "dead is dead," and that it makes no difference to the victim how he died, do a disservice to our legal system.

The problem of prosecutorial overcharging is widespread. It poses significant threats to the liberty of all Americans, since it can sometimes result in coerced plea bargains by innocent defendants. It can also result in compromised jury decisions in cases where an acquittal is appropriate. Finally, it can result in innocent defendants who are ultimately acquitted spending months — even years — in pre-trial detention.

ONE way to reduce prosecutorial overcharging is to narrow the current law, which defines crimes such as "murder" far too broadly. The extraordinarily serious crime of murder — especially first-degree murder — should be limited to the willful, malicious and intentional taking of a human life.

Unless the prosecution can prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant killed intentionally, the charge should be no greater than manslaughter. A jury should not be allowed to speculate or infer that the defendant "must have" been responsible.

Nor should prosecutors accuse Louise Woodward of showing no remorse for a crime of which she believes she was wrongly accused and imprisoned for nine months. She has maintained her innocence from the very beginning and took a lie-detector test, which she passed. For her now to claim that she was guilty in order to earn points from the prosecutor would be cynical and hypocritical.

Our imperfect system of justice prefers the acquittal of the occasional guilty person over the conviction of the occasional innocent. This means that when there is a reasonable doubt about the guilt or innocence of the defendant, the verdict must be "not guilty." Under this salutary principle, Louise Woodward should have been acquitted.

Both sides will now appeal the judge's verdict. Meanwhile, Louise Woodward will remain free, but restricted to Massachusetts. The appellate process could take years, since there are two levels of appeal in Massachusetts. In the meantime, we must accept the reality that no one will ever know for certain how Matthew Eappen died.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OFFICIAL POLICY

Sir, — Your report on Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy on November 13 ("Axworthy distances himself from Iraq deal") contained a regrettable error, probably due to my failure to make myself clear.

I stated that neither I nor anyone in my office was authorized to comment on a directive to the security services (regarding the use of forged passports). The implication in the article that I said that even the prime minister could not give such a directive is, of course, absurd. The directive was indeed given by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, and assurances were given Mr. Axworthy that it reflects official government policy.

DAVID BAR-ILLAN
Director of Policy Planning and Communications
Prime Minister's Office
Jerusalem.

HYPOCRITICAL CALL

Sir, — Binyamin Netanyahu's call for unity in his opening address to the Likud convention was transparently hypocritical: it merely meant that he wants the opposition to stifle legitimate criticism. The mendacious statement that followed made his true tactics crystal clear.

At the elections 17 months ago, he declared, "we promised... that the Likud would halt the withdrawal to the 1967 lines and we did that." This is a lie: the Labor Party and its representatives in government have always made it categorically clear that they would never permit a return to the 1967 lines.

Netanyahu went on to another lie: "We promised that we would stop the division of Jerusalem and we did that." All Labor-led governments meticulously preserved the unity of Jerusalem, which was a central plank in the program of the Labor Party at all times since 1967.

The Labor Party should have no truce with Netanyahu until he withdraws these slanders.

MISHA LOUVISH
Jerusalem.

TOO PERSONAL

Sir, — What is it about this guy? I'm talking about your columnist Larry Derfner. His column "Getting Personal" (October 30) is written in a casual, conversational style which completely belies his malicious intentions to besmirch the elected prime minister of Israel.

He uses words like distaste, antipathy, dishonesty, liar and a

few other such labels. This writer must be very twisted in his mind to spew forth such invectives against a fellow Jew. I would suggest that Larry Derfner confine himself to discussing the issues instead of to delve deeper into the problems that confront the Israeli public at this time.

JEANNETTE FINKEL
Yokneam Hamoshava.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 16, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that panic spread through the city when five Arabs and one Jew were wounded in a day of terror. Lories full of helmeted police and soldiers, armored cars and trucks loaded with sandbags and barbed-wire barricades thundered past through the streets. Business was disorganized and schools closed early. Night curfew continued in Jerusalem for the fifth night in succession.

In Tel Aviv Eri Jabotinsky, Abba Ahimeir and many other Revisionist Party members were detained. Other Revisionists were arrested throughout the country. There was a military encounter near Safed between the British army unit and several Arab bands terrorizing villagers.

50 years ago: On November

16, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported wild firing in Jerusalem. For the second night in succession streets rumbled with machine-gun, rifle and revolver fire. In many houses people had to throw themselves to the floor as the hail of shots burst. The 12-hour night curfew imposed three days earlier continued.

A British policeman and two soldiers were killed in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, bringing to 10 the number of victims of what was thought to be the Stern Group assault on the security forces in retaliation for the killing of five teenage Stern Group members at Ra'anana.

The Jerusalem District Commissioner issued an order prohibiting British civilians from leaving their security zones or their homes between 5.30 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Transjordan would remain neutral in the Palestine dispute, King

Abdullah announced in Jordan.

25 years ago: On November 16, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that the Secretary General of the Arab League, Mahmoud Riasat, called upon the 18 Arab states to unite in action, stressing that no Arab country alone could defeat Israel. General Ahmad Ismail, Egyptian War Minister and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, said that another war with Israel was inevitable "because force is the only way of liberating occupied lands."

Washington Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said that the US was not exerting any "pressure" on Israel for concessions or flexibility.

The Jerusalem Post had also reported at length on the ongoing dispute between the two chief rabbis over the Langer family's *mamzerim* case.

Alexander Zvielli

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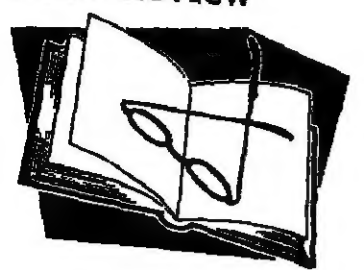
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Deadly shots

Book Review



A new book commemorates 135 photographers who died in the French war in Indochina and in the Vietnam War, Elizabeth Kastor writes

WASHINGTON — They found Sam Castan's film on the body of a dead North Vietnamese. Developed and printed, the pictures of that day in 1966 show 22 soldiers just before the attack in which 18 of them — and the *Look* magazine editor and photographer — would die. In the last frame of color film Robert Capa shot on May 25, 1954, anonymous soldiers in brown walk through a vast field of tall green and yellow grass that looks to go on forever. Some time later that day, colleagues heard a mine explode, and the legendary photographer was dead. An elegantly dressed woman crouches on a chaotic street, her dying child in her arms. She sobs for help as Phnom Penh falls in 1975. The man who took the picture, AP photographer Sou Vichith, a Cambodian, was last seen walking with his family toward the killing fields. He has not been heard from since. To view the moment of death is to intrude on the ultimate intimacy. To see, preserved on film, the harsh world as observed by someone just before that moment is profoundly unnerving — we walk with Capa, but unlike him, know the mine is waiting. *Requiem* is a book commemorating 135 photographers from all sides who died in the French war in Indochina and in the Vietnam War. It includes essays by David Halberstam, Neil Sheehan, Peter Arnett and others who wrote about the war. An exhibit of pictures from the book is showing at the Newseum in Arlington, Va., and

more than 300 family members and friends gathered there recently for a symposium and reception. "This book is not a book about dead people and Vietnam," co-editor and veteran Associated Press photographer Horst Faas said. "It's mainly, to me, a book on an important chapter of journalism in which everyone who was involved could be proud of." The book is that, but it is also about what happens to a person's work and memory after the person is gone. And, like all photography, "Like all photography, this book is about looking: The desire to see and document what the bloody, exhausted, furious, roaring center of war looked like" it is about looking: The desire to see and document what the bloody, exhausted, furious, roaring center of war looked like. SOME OF the pictures will be at least vaguely familiar, some of the names known. But many have never been Vietnam icons. Their

negatives waited in attics and archives here and in Vietnam until photographers Tim Page and Faas began to look. The book begins with pictures a US government photographer and freelance Everett Dixie Reese took in the 1950s. The sun sifts through monsoon clouds onto mountains and plains. On the terrace of a temple of Angkor Wat, a monk stands timeless. But the future was stirring and Reese saw it. Cambodian peasants carve wooden dummy rifles for the local French-controlled militia. A man in a loincloth holds a bow and arrow. Reese was killed when a plane he was in was shot down over Saigon in 1955. Beyond his mother's stories, Alan Reese had no memories of his father. "The pictures," he said. "That's what I have." The book and exhibit had their genesis years ago in Page's attempts to memorialize a friend, photographer Sean Flynn. The son of actor Errol Flynn, he vanished on a road in Cambodia in 1970, along with photographer Dana Stone. Page spent years tracking the fate of Flynn and Stone, discovering they were captured and held by the Khmer Rouge for more than a year. Their story, he believes, ended in a killing field. In working the Vietnamese bureaucracy on behalf of the monument he wanted to build for photographers who died in the war, Page found himself in an archive of pictures by North Vietnamese photographers.



South Vietnamese forces follow terrified children fleeing a napalm strike in 1972. The girl at the center ripped off her burning clothes. (AP)

Prints in hand, he approached his friend Faas, AP photo editor in Saigon from 1962 to 1973 and now AP's senior photo editor based in London. The two began work in 1991. Page and Faas had names, dates of deaths, but in many cases not much more. Young Western photographers wandered in and out of Vietnam, drawn by excitement and the opportunity to take career-making pictures. Sometimes they died before anyone got to know them. The North Vietnamese considered themselves soldiers first,

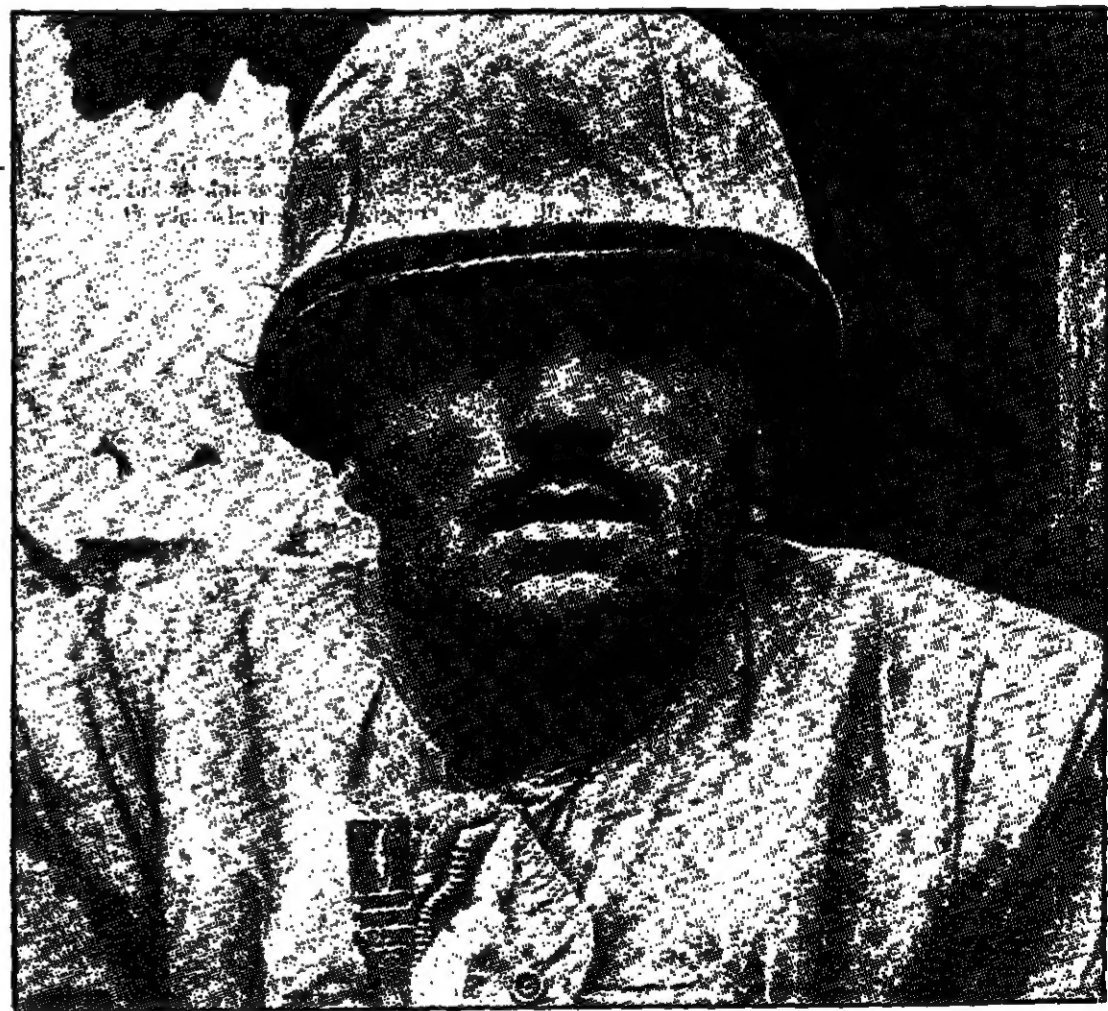
photographers second. Their photographs were to be used as propaganda and are, as Faas said, "strangely void of horror." They were forbidden to show dead and wounded communist soldiers. "Their combat stuff doesn't have the same intimacy as ours, because they didn't see the war the way we do," Page said. "They were going to die for their country — theirs was a glorious role." More than once, people asked *Life* magazine photographer Larry Burrows if he had a death wish. How else to explain the

decade spent, on and off, taking pictures in Vietnam? "I think he dismissed it as ridiculous," says Russell Burrows, whose father died when his helicopter was shot down over Laos in 1971. "The combination of being in love with the place and the fact that it was such an important story is what tied him so thoroughly to Vietnam." Bernard Fall, who survived the Holocaust and fought in the French Resistance, took half a dozen trips to Vietnam to research and to take pictures for his books, among them *Street Without Joy*. When Fall was

killed in 1967 on his sixth trip to Vietnam, he left three daughters under 10. After his death, his wife, Dorothy, received the tape-recorded notes he was dictating February 21, 1967. A transcript is included in *Requiem*. "Shadows are lengthening," Fall said into his recorder, "and we have reached one of our phase lines after the firefight and it smells bad — meaning it's a little bit suspicious. Could be an amb —" With that, the tape ended. And so did Bernard Fall's life. (The Washington Post)



Eddie Adams' Pulitzer Prize winning photo shows the South Vietnamese police chief shooting a Viet Cong officer on a Saigon street in 1968. (Eddie Adams/AP)



"I think what happens is that one goes over the edge — you become slightly mad," wrote photographer Donald McCullin, who took this 1968 shot of an American soldier in South Vietnam. (Donald McCullin)

Assessing the value of life

Earthly Concerns



By D'vora Ben Shaul

How much is your life worth? Or, for that matter, any person's life? That's a moot point. It might be \$1.5 million over a 75-year life span or it might be only \$100,000. It really all depends on where you live. In an attempt to calculate the worldwide costs of continued global warming, the environmental economists for the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have placed a monetary value on possible loss of human life resulting from these climate changes. They have assessed the life of a person in the world's richest nations at \$1.5 million while the life of a person in one of the poorer and underdeveloped nations is only, they say, worth \$100,000. The assessments

are based on how much a country is willing (and/or able) to pay to avoid risks of death to their citizens. Since the richer nations spend about \$1.5 million per capita over the course of a 75-year lifetime on programs designed to prevent unnecessary death, the IPCC took that figure to represent the value of that person's life. Poorer countries spend far less per capita and therefore the lives of their citizens are calculated as being worth less. The report has been attacked by many representatives of the world's less developed countries and by some from the most affluent as being both cynical and immoral, but the scientists who prepared the report are unwilling to change it, saying they would rather withdraw their report altogether than alter it. David Pearce of University College, London, one of the authors said in an interview with *The New Scientist* that "the report is scientifically correct even though it may not be politically correct." Critics, including Aubrey Mayer of the London-based Global Commons Institute, say that the report, in addition to being discriminatory and immoral, also makes unfounded assumptions, including the fact that "willingness

to pay" is the same as "ability to pay." The report also assumes that poor countries will always remain poor, critics charge. As countries develop, they say, their ability to pay to protect their citizenry also increases and therefore the value of their lives would be more. One of the points in the report that brought forth some of the strongest criticism was the statement that while global warming may lower the Gross World Product by 1.2 to 2 percent, the steps needed to halt global warming would cost much, much more, possibly as much as the value of 5 or even 6 percent of the GWP. Many environmentalists say this is, in fact, giving a license to the governments of the world to do nothing about global warming because it isn't cost effective. Pearce, however, denies that the report is a blueprint for inaction and that while the figures are correct they do not endorse any plan that will allow global warming to continue to rise. But the fact remains that such issues are often decided on the basis of cost effectiveness. A report such as this one, which is now likely to be accepted by the UN body, could offer legitimacy to those who oppose steps to halt global

warming. But this is a matter that goes far beyond global warming. If this report gains official status it may come to represent "conventional wisdom" and the cost estimate placed on human life will spill over into plans to prevent ozone depletion, air pollution, floods, radioactive hazards and other health threats. Ultimately many critics of the report say it will have an effect on

the thinking about all disaster prevention and relief work as well as on development programs in health and welfare in the poorer nations. In the end, these may be decided not on the basis of need or of the possibility of eliminating human suffering and saving human life, but rather on the basis of the bottom line. "How much will it cost?" and "Is it really worth it?"

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Brace yourself for a new trend

By HELEN UBINAS

Races to straighten teeth have become so fashionable that during the past few years, when teenagers have cried in the orthodontist's chair, it wasn't because they needed braces but because they didn't.

"I've had kids be so disappointed when I tell them they have perfect teeth," said Dr. Monica Cipes, a West Hartford, Connecticut, pediatric dentist.

Of course, around the time the distraught kids are dealing with that news, parents are usually breathing a sigh of relief — although not necessarily for the reasons we might think. An increasing number of adults are opening wide — mouths and wallets — for the once-dreaded oral accessory that is now making its way onto many of their "To Do" lists.

Where once only flawless beauty reigned, metal-mouthed models are increasingly showing off their glittering grins in fashion magazines and on runways. Agatha is one of at least four up-and-coming models who seem to be turning orthodontia into a status symbol of sorts.

Discovered on a New York City street while running errands with her mother, the 16-year-old from New Jersey said she worried she'd be rejected because she wore braces.

"But the model scout made me feel so comfortable with the braces," said Agatha, who had them put on a year ago to line up her teeth. "She actually liked them."

Back in the real world — OK, our real world — Dr. Elena Lee Ritoli is tending to Lori Dumont's braces. Dumont, who is 35 and got her braces two years ago, is one of nearly 1 million adults in the US who wears braces.

While men are increasingly seeking better smiles through braces, 70 percent of adult wearers are women.

"That's one out of four orthodontic patients, double what it was 10 years ago," said Pam Paladin, of the American Association of Orthodontists.

Area orthodontists report that anywhere from 25% to 50% of their clients are adults. Ritoli, who has an 84-year-old patient with retainers, said 50% of hers are adults.

Reasons for the increase, said



Today's teens are very proud to grin and bare their 'mouth jewelry.'

Dr. Louis Norton, professor emeritus at University of Connecticut's School of Dental Medicine, range from economics to technology. Tin grins now have a lot less tin in them, and 100 million Americans have dental insurance, with an increasing number of companies offering some type of orthodontic coverage.

The options seem endless: Wearers can get clear or neutral-

colored brackets. Lingual braces, which are applied to the inside teeth surfaces, are available. Rubber bands can be color-coordinated to the seasons and clothing.

With all the available options, suddenly adults whose parents couldn't afford braces are now fixing things they always wanted to or correcting problems that developed as they matured.

"I used to always cover my mouth when I smiled," said Dumont, whose family couldn't afford to fix five mouthfuls of crooked teeth. "I still cover them because of the braces, but soon I won't have to at all."

Still, while attitudes about braces have changed, be warned: Some things haven't. Orthodontists said the price tag on braces hasn't really increased much over the years,

but they are still expensive: anywhere from \$1,500 to \$4,500. And while kids seem to have abandoned using the "metal mouth" and "train track" taunts on each other, braced-faced adults aren't yet exempt. "Yeah, I have had a couple of my young clients call me metal mouth," said one male orthodontist. "But they seem to like making fun of my receding hairline more." (Hartford-Courant)

Hadassah helps Hanoi tackle blood disease

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

A Vietnamese researcher who spent time in Jerusalem studying molecular and prenatal diagnosis of beta thalassemia plans to establish a testing center for the genetically transmitted blood disease in his country.

Dr. Duong Ba Truc spent two months at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, working in the hematology department of Prof. Eliezer Rachmilevich, who visited Hanoi's Institute for the Protection of Children's Health over a year ago.

During the visit, Rachmilevich recognized that the disease is a health problem there, especially in children: anywhere from 1.5% to 11% of residents are carriers. He invited the Vietnamese hematologist to Jerusalem and asked him to bring blood and cheek-tissue samples from Vietnamese patients to identify some of the existing mutations in that population.

The Hanoi doctor said he can now independently extract DNA from blood and tissue, conduct polymerase chain reactions (PCR) to magnify the amount of DNA and prepare and read the DNA sequencing gels. After studying the samples brought from Vietnam, he learned much about the characteristic mutations.

If he can collect \$20,000 for the equipment and manpower, he intends to set up a lab in Hanoi to perform DNA extraction and PCR analysis. Then, a prenatal program could be established to identify the mutations in fetuses and reduce the number of children born with the severe disease.

In a letter to Rachmilevich, the doctor thanked Hadassah staffers for their contribution to his work.

MUSCLE-SPASM BLASTER

Many disabled adults and children suffer from chronic muscle spasms as a result of road accidents or cerebral palsy, but little can be done for them. A drug called Lioresal (generally known as baclofen) can stop the spasms, but the high dosage required often causes severe and even dangerous side effects.

Doctors at Rambam Hospital in Haifa have now found a way to introduce the medication in liquid form around the clock, using a pump permanently attached to the patient's abdomen. The computer-controlled pump sends the drug to the spine to stop the spasms safely.

Dr. Jean Sostiel of the neurosurgery department, who introduced the technique to Israel, says the new delivery device has significantly improved the quality of life of a patient who suffered severe spasms after being injured in a road accident. He comes for a refilling of the pump once a month and has been free of spasms for the last half year.

HAIR-RAISING CLAIMS

Customers who hear about the latest "remedies" for hair loss quickly run to buy them. But the Health Ministry warns that only a group of medications containing minoxidil — Regaine, Hairgain and Minoxitrol — has been licensed for alleviating hair loss of certain types, and even these prove satisfactory in only 30% to 40% of users.

Claims by cosmetic preparations (including the heavily advertised Foltene Research shampoos and rinses) that they "cause hair to grow, prevent it from falling out or strengthen roots" are being made without ministry approval.

Ministry spokesman Dudi Ben-Ami said no cosmetic may make therapeutic claims. "The ministry will not approve any cosmetic that claims to make hair grow, prevent it from falling out or to strengthen hair roots. Any such claim attempts to fool the public," he said.

He did not say whether legal action is being taken against the manufacturers, importers and advertisers.

Pharmaceutical firms bypassing doctors to advertise drugs

By PAUL D. COLFORD

NEW YORK — You see the ads all over. Commuter trains carry posters touting the prescription drug Claritin "for seasonal allergy relief" and others for Zytan that offer a toll-free number for what callers will learn is a pill to help smokers quit.

[Israel's Health Ministry takes a more conservative approach, allowing prescription drugs to be advertised only in medical journals.]

On prime-time TV, the maker of another allergy fighter has been hammering its Allegra name into viewers' heads by showing a woman wind-surfing through a field of wheat.

In magazines and newspapers, a full-page advertisement reads, "At your age, with your high cholesterol, what's your risk of a first heart attack?" Not so high, the ad claims, "if your doctor prescribes cholesterol-lowering Pravachol."

Across the media landscape, pharmaceutical manufacturers are increasingly bypassing doctors and advertising prescription drugs directly to consumers.

Nowhere has this surge in advertising registered more dramatically than in consumer magazines which target mass audiences (*Time* and *Newsweek*), and desirable niches (*Living Fit*, *American Health* and *Prevention*), while offering the space to lay out possible side effects and other product information required by the Food and Drug Administration.

In the first nine months of this year, prescription manufacturers put \$387.6 million into magazine ads — 37.4 percent more than in the same period in 1996. In addition, according to the Publishers Information Bureau, prescription drug and over-the-counter remedy advertising has far exceeded all other categories in spending growth.

More than 80 prescription drugs have been advertised to consumers in the past two years. Eli Lilly and Co. has placed a three-page spread for Prozac ("Depression shatters. Prozac can help.") in the October issues of five mass magazines.

"I don't think these ads will taper off anytime soon, because of the changes in the health care

industry and the need for people to take greater charge of their own care," said Ken Wallace, the publisher of the monthly *Prevention*, which counts prescription ads as its fastest-growing category.

These ads really are educational for people, although they can be confusing, too, especially when you have ads for different allergy medications one after another. You still have to go to your doctor to sort it all out.

And many consumers are doing just that. Physicians tell of being increasingly asked — sometimes even pressured — by patients to prescribe drugs they have seen advertised.

Although consumer magazines will continue to enjoy much of this bounty, especially the conveniently targeted health and parenting titles, some of the mass-circulation publications may face competition from television and radio now that the FDA has loosened restrictions on broadcast ads.

Previously, a TV spot could do little more than remind a viewer of a brand name, but not the malady that the drug was designed to fight.

In August, however, the FDA freed manufacturers to link product and ailment in broadcast spots, as long as the commercials also include information about any major health risks and point consumers to where they can get more information.

And what about the effect of all this prescription advertising on the editorial side of magazines? Will there be more health and medical coverage, perhaps to create a more comfortable editorial environment for the advertisers?

"Health covers sell very well," said Walter Isaacson, managing editor of *Time*, which ran a September 29 cover story on "How Mood Drugs Work ... And Fail." He added, "The mood drugs piece was prompted by the recall of Fen-Phen and Redux, which was very newsworthy."

"I like health covers, think they are a core part of our franchise ... I don't think their number will rise or fall noticeably because of drug ads. They are in the magazine because of reader interest." (Newsday)

The pros and cons of gobbling vitamins

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

There's still no consensus among medical researchers whether popping vitamin and mineral pills daily will protect people from disease and lengthen their lives. But researchers do agree that oxygen free radicals (unstable oxygen molecules missing one electron in the outer orbital shell causing the atom to carry a negative charge) can damage or destroy the body's cells.

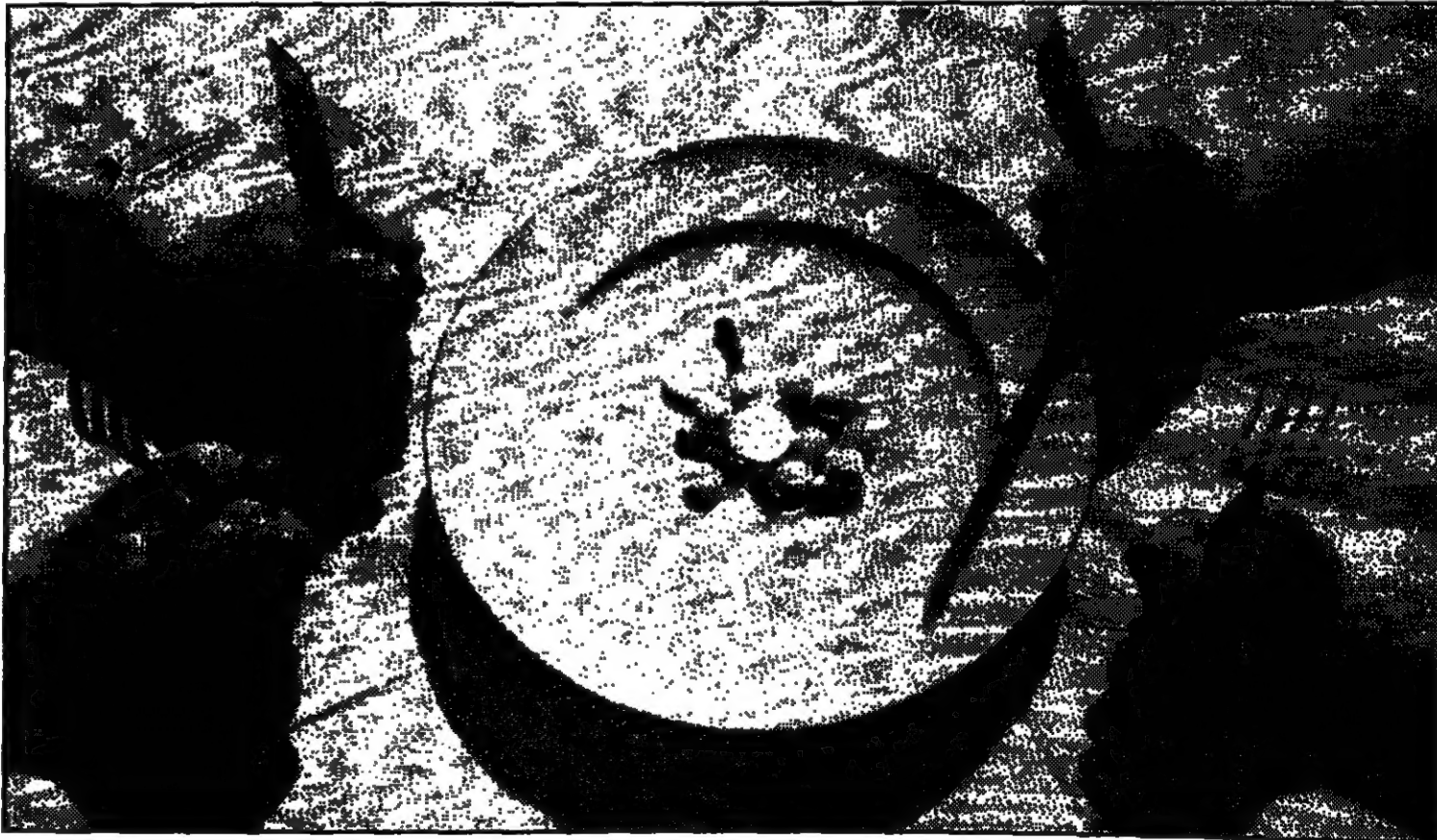
These highly reactive molecules are needed for vital body processes, such as the metabolism of glucose in the cells. But excesses are linked to degenerative diseases, tumors, immune diseases and allergies, and are major factors in aging. Too much oxidation allows these molecules to create havoc in the body.

Many things can cause the overproduction of oxygen free radicals in our bodies, such as tobacco smoke, air pollution, sunlight, food preservatives, pesticides, stress and many others that affect us every day. However, antioxidants — such as vitamins A, B-complex, beta carotene, C and E and minerals like selenium — could offer a complex system of free radical defenses.

Hundreds of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians and other professionals — many of whom admitted taking multivitamin tablets each day — listened to scientific lectures on oxygen free radicals and their bodily effects at a congress on "Anti-Oxidants and Slowing the Aging Process" held earlier this month at Jerusalem's International Convention Center. The day-long scientific gathering was sponsored by Solgar, a New Jersey-based vitamin and mineral supplement manufacturer now celebrating its 50th anniversary, which of course has much to gain from increased demand for food supplements. Although there were commercial pitches at Solgar stands in the lobby, these did not penetrate the objective lectures, and no brand names of vitamins were endorsed.

Dr. Denham Herman, a California-trained physician and chemist who is regarded as the "father" of oxygen free radical theory, was a walking advertisement for the benefits of taking supplements. Born 81 years ago but looking much younger, he first began lecturing and writing about the unstable oxygen molecules in 1954. Today, Herman is a professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska and continues to do research there in free radicals, especially on their role in Alzheimer's disease and aging.

Herman said that the free radicals



Dietary supplements: A multi-billion dollar industry, but studies of benefits still show conflicting results.

are now suspected of being involved in more than 80 different diseases, and discussed the various processes for reducing their harm to the tissues. The mitochondria — bar-shaped structures in every cell that regulate energy — are harmed by the negatively charged molecules, he said, but reduced calorie intake can reduce this damage.

Prof. Ayala Hochman, a chemist at Tel Aviv University's life sciences faculty, said free radicals are involved in heart attacks, cataracts, osteoporosis, strokes, diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, epilepsy, schizophrenia and monoglossism. "They are a double-edged sword. They are needed, for example, to harden the shell of the ovum after conception, to prevent other sperm from entering, to produce thyroid enzymes or to help white blood cells gobble up bacteria, but they can also be harmful," she said.

Anti-oxidizing vitamins and minerals have been shown to counter free radicals, but proving direct benefits in humans using placebo-controlled, double-blind studies is very difficult and expensive, as you need a very large number of subjects to rule out irrelevant factors." Hochman said she herself takes vitamins E and C, selenium and Coenzyme Q-10 on a daily basis.

But she won't endorse any brands, and doesn't care whether the vitamins are natural (like Solgar's) or synthetic. "Man-made vitamins could have impurities, and one doesn't know how these would affect the body; but natural vitamins taken from plants could contain small amounts of toxins that the plant uses to keep fungi, bacteria and animals at bay."

Vitamin and mineral consumption in the US has skyrocketed, with sales increasing from \$3 billion to \$6.5 billion in the last six years. Many Americans are taking large amounts of pills without consulting their doctor. Critics argue that people would be just as well off eating a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables.

Hochman warns that one must be careful not to consume large amounts of oil-soluble vitamins such as A, as surpluses are not eliminated from the body but stored in fat cells and in large amounts can be toxic. In addition, "there's a fine line with selenium on what is beneficial and what is harmful; taking too much can also be toxic."

She predicted that someday, not too far in the future, people will be able to attach a monitor to their skin and be able to know what vitamins and minerals are deficient in

their bodies that day. She said it was unfortunate that the health authorities have not included most dietary supplements in the basket of health services, thus health fund subsidies are minimal and costs to the consumer are high.

Dr. Finkhas Sirota, director of acute care at the Abarbanel Psychiatric Hospital in Bat Yam, said he and his staff have tested vitamin E on schizophrenia patients. "Conventional anti-psychotic drugs can cause annoying side effects, such as tardive dyskinesia, whose symptoms include the smacking of lips and tremors of the arms and legs and are not only aesthetically disturbing, but limit patients' functioning. There is no treatment for these conditions. Some say they are caused by oxygen free radicals that interfere with the production of dopamine in the brain. When vitamin E, which is not known to be harmful, was given in various doses, researchers found these side effects were reduced."

But the Abarbanel researchers went even further to see if the vitamin could have an effect on the psychiatric disease itself. "We gave one group of patients 400 milligrams of the vitamin for six weeks and the other group a placebo. We found that those who took

the vitamin improved, with better cognitive ability, social contact, willingness to cooperate and hygienic practices." While this certainly doesn't cure schizophrenia, he added, it could improve the ability of patients to function. Larger doses are to be administered in the tests, perhaps as much as 1,000 mgs., over a three-month period.

Dr. Daniel Offen of the Felsenstein Center for Medical Research at the Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva, said about five percent of Parkinson's disease cases result from defective genes passed from generation to generation. But the large majority of cases are believed to involve oxidation in the brain of proteins and acids, which causes death of neurons.

"A number of clinical trials have shown that vitamins and other antioxidants can slow Parkinson patients' deterioration, while others demonstrated no such effect. Still other studies looked at the patient's lifelong eating habits and produced conflicting results. But we believe that oxygen free radicals are clearly involved in Parkinson's disease. Dietary antioxidants could be significant, but we need more research to find the most effective substances," Offen said.



Out of Zion shall go forth Torah – on disk



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Master Daf – Brachos, a CD-ROM in Hebrew and English, for adults and pupils, by Torah Educational Software (TES), NIS 149 from The Jerusalem Post's book department or a higher price elsewhere.

Rating: five stars out of five

HaKonkordantzia Ha'memushet L'atanach (Computerized Bible Concordance), a CD-ROM in Hebrew for adults and pupils, part of the Computerized Torah Library series by DBS Computers, (02) 538-4258, \$26 or the shekel equivalent.

Rating: four stars out of five

Selling holy Jewish texts, whether on paper or on disk, is undoubtedly a good business. Due to demographic trends, the number of Jews interested in them is increasing, in Israel and in parts of the Diaspora. Expensive sets of Talmud are the classic engagement or wedding present in haredi families, and yeshiva students need an endless supply of books. With the growing availability of reference texts on CD-ROMs, yeshiva students have taken to computers with the enthusiasm of a hungry family served steaming cholent on a chilly Shabbat morning.

Most rabbis, especially the older ones, have been slower to accept this new medium – perhaps because they have no computer training, or perhaps out of personal concern. After all, the Master Daf disk box promotes itself by saying: "Make your day complete; have your own private Rebbe!"

But more technologically-savvy yeshiva heads are installing personal computers and relevant CD-ROMs in their study halls. It is clear that despite the convenience of the plastic disks for searching the sources, they can't replace the printed version. How can one study Talmud on Shabbat or holidays without the book?

Master Daf is a very innovative product, arriving just in time for the new seven-year cycle of the Daf Yomi ("daily page" of Talmud), which began just a few weeks ago.

Jews around the world study the same page of Talmud daily, beginning with Tractate Brachot. Master Daf has endorsements from leading rabbis here and abroad.

TES plans to issue a new disk every couple of months to keep up the pace. By the end of the cycle, the company could be expected to release 70 disks, but technology to improve the compression of data will likely allow it to eventually reduce the required number of disks to around 15.

Each word of the tractate is translated into English and explained by Rabbi Avraham Kozman, a talented Bnei Brak scholar in his late 30s who graduated from the Ner Yisroel Yeshiva in Baltimore, immigrated here and teaches today at the Slobodka Yeshiva. The user can start and stop the lecture at will and begin at any point of the discussion.

The Talmud text itself is presented as it appears in the classic Vilna Edition, with the Gemara in the center and the Rashi and Tosafot commentaries running along its sides.

This makes yeshiva students feel at home. But the disk also provides the option of viewing the page in an ordinary text form, as on any word processor.

Thus it can be edited, with notes added. One can annotate not only with text, but also with your own voice or pictures that you have scanned in.

One can click to instantly see a particular page's cross references from the Bible, in Hebrew and English, and other sources.

On the left-hand side of the screen are icons for Torah Ohr, citing the book, chapter and verse of every cross reference in the Bible that appears on a given talmudic page; Elin Mishpat, with references to the Rambam and Shulhan Aruch; and Mesoret Hashas, which refers to page numbers of Talmud cited in a specific talmudic page.

The disk comes without a manual, but there is a fine, built-in help menu that answers all queries.

All this material can be searched, copied and printed out. This is especially useful for a bus or subway commuter who wants to study the daily page on his (or her) way to work. For those whose eyes aren't as good as they used to be, one can enlarge the text font.

Purchasers of the disk who are connected to the Internet can click an icon on the screen and automatically access Web sites of Daf Yomi classes and information, all via Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer. There's also a built-in Daf Yomi calendar to tell you exactly what you should be studying each day.

Once Talmud scholars get "hooked" on this disk, they will regret having to turn off their PC before Shabbat.

FINDING A quotation from the Bible, let alone a single word, is difficult for anyone who doesn't have Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's photographic memory. But a good computerized concordance can make the effort completely painless.

There are a number of printed biblical concordances on the market, and even some on-line versions on the Internet, but it's nice to have a disk that you can use for a search without paying telephone and connection charges.

DBS offers this low-priced disk as the cheapest part of its Computerized Torah Library.

The entire collection, which sells for \$468 when bought together, includes a very large variety of texts written over the millennia.

The concordance, in Hebrew only, produces biblical text in any of 26 different fonts (choose the one that is easiest on the eyes).

One can even change text colors from the conventional black to rose, olive green, blue or a dozen others and text sizes to a maximum of 40 points. The disk comes with a well-printed, 50-page manual in Hebrew and English that is suited not only to the concordance but also to the entire collection.

So why is this collection so much cheaper than others, including the prestigious Bar-Ilan University collection?

The reason is that the Bar-Ilan University texts, produced by scanning printed pages, have been worked over with a fine-tooth comb by specially trained proofreaders, to make sure there are no errors.

A small company like DBS can't afford to do this, so there may be some typographical errors.

If such typos don't bother you, these disks will do fine, but if you want a completely error-free text, you'll have to pay for the more expensive programs.

Russian scientists: Westward-bound

Many Russian scientists are considered world-class, but few have experience in commercial projects. Now some are getting better-paying jobs at home and abroad thanks to Western firms eager for their expertise, Lynn Berry reports

MOSCOW — From an 18th century manor house, Nikolai Plate presides over vast ranks of once-privileged scientists, the brains behind the Soviet military machine and space program.

The scientists have fallen on hard times in the new Russia. But some are getting back on their feet thanks to a new paying customer — Western companies eager to tap into the considerable expertise of Russian researchers.

"Come and deal with us as you would with the University of Wisconsin," said Plate. "We can do everything that the University of Wisconsin can do, but we can do it cheaper."

As secretary-general of the Academy of Sciences, Plate is pushing its hundreds of research institutes to do more to attract commercial contracts to replace the loss of generous government subsidies.

During the Soviet era, scientists were a privileged elite. Now, they say their state salaries are down to "about \$100 a month," which is below the national average and a paltry sum in expensive Moscow. Many have abandoned their labs in search of better-paying jobs at home and abroad.

The ability to adapt their scientific work to commercial needs is creating haves and have-nots

among the academy's remaining 65,000 researchers. While the percentage of scientists who have benefited from foreign money is unknown, it is clearly growing. Western governments have financed some projects to keep Russian nuclear scientists from selling their know-how to anti-Western states such as Libya and Iran.

But as long as Russia's economy remains weak, the best answer may lie with companies like International Specialty Products of Wayne, New Jersey, which has hired several teams of Russian scientists.

"They aren't inherently better or worse," said Bob Mininni, the company's vice president for research and development. "The main thing is that you have access to world-class scientists. In the US, they are already tied up, but in Russia there's a chance to link up with them. Our intent is to take some of their technology, mix it up with ours

and have it show up in one of our products," said Mininni, whose company makes chemicals for skin and hair care products. DuPont Co. is collaborating with 50 groups of Russian

their former institutes, said Charles Hardy, a Reynolds vice president. The West has long covered Russia's rich natural resources, but, Hardy said, "the assets in Russia don't need to be the minerals." Many Russian scientists are considered first-class. They put the first man in space, designed an atomic bomb and developed the physics behind advanced Soviet weaponry.

But few had any experience in commercial projects. For the institutes that are unwilling or unable to adapt, Plate said the situation is "really miserable."

Others, like the Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis, of which Plate is the director, have signed lucrative contracts with Western oil and chemical companies. This has allowed them to buy new equipment for the first time in a decade, while paying researchers a respectable wage, he said.

"I can pay them double, triple, quadruple times the state salary,"

Plate said, referring to the 450 researchers at his Moscow institute. "I can send them for three months to the US to use the new instruments, to observe new approaches. This is very important." His successes may have helped land him the academy job and the office in its butter-colored mansion surrounded by rose gardens.

Many Russian researchers, though, have already left their institutes, often leaving behind older colleagues. Alexander Marin keeps his office at the Institute of Biochemical Physics, but spends most of the year working at an Italian university so he can feed his family.

"I have 16 patents, more than 100 publications and three books, but nobody here wants my ideas," Marin said. "Probably in the future this will change."

The Academy of Sciences has lost more than 10 percent of its researchers in the past five years, according to Plate, although that may not account for all those who keep their positions but work at other jobs.

"Who is here? Those who cannot escape," said Gennady Zaikov, who heads a research team at the Institute of Biochemical Physics. "I'm 62 years old. I have no possibility of changing my profession." (Associated Press)

Digging for dinosaur bones and dollars

By ALEXANDRA ZAVIS

For years, private landowners in the US have cooperated with scientists wanting to dig up dinosaur fossils on their property.

But the record \$8.4 million paid recently at a public auction for a *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil already has some landowners seeing dollar signs.

"The sale shows that dinosaurs are wonderfully popular, and that is good for the science. But it is a double-edged sword," says Blaire Van Valkenburg, a professor of paleontology at the University of California-Los Angeles. Dinosaurs, long popular among children, have only recently entered the realm of popular culture, aided by the film and book *Jurassic Park*.

As demand for fossils has increased, so has the competition faced by scientists from commercial collectors.

US federal law allows only scientists to excavate vertebrate fossils on the half-billion acres (200 million hectares) of government-owned land.

But commercial collectors are free to prospect for old bones on private ranches and farmland.

The price paid last month by Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History to acquire the fossil nicknamed Sue (after its discoverer, marine archaeologist and paleontologist Susan Hendrickson) could now put the cost of digging on private land out of the reach of most academics, according to members of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology.

John Horner, the inspiration for the paleontologist hero of *Jurassic Park*, says at least a

dozen ranch owners, with whom he has worked for years, have recently started demanding money in advance before he can start looking on their land.

In some instances, landowners have asked museums to return fossils they were previously willing to donate to science, says Larry Flynn, an executive member of the paleontology society and president of Save the Fossils for Everyone.

"My phone has not stopped ringing since the news came out," says Allen Graffenhain, a commercial fossil dealer who heads Geological Enterprises in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

"It sends a message to landowners that they have something valuable on their land, and they are going to be reluctant to let university people on their property unless they pay."

However, he doesn't see this as a threat to science.

"There are so many billions of fossils in the ground in North America, I don't believe for one minute that they are a limited resource," he adds.

The problem, according to Lou Jacobs, president of the paleontology society, is distinguishing between the many common invertebrate fossils and a few rare vertebrate ones. That requires a certain amount of expertise.

As concerned as it is about excavations of private land, the society is even more worried about the future of federal land, where the vast majority of North American fossils are found.

"There is no reason for species which already belong to the public to be taken out and sold back to the public," added



Have you got one of these buried in your back yard? Dinosaur fossils are big money.

Horner, who heads the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Montana. Horner also fears that Sue's record sale will give people the idea to go digging for their own

dinosaur fossils. "The most important time for a fossil is when it is still in the ground," he says. "Once it is taken out, it loses its scientific context."

Horner, who started his career as an amateur dinosaur hunter, says that his museum has regularly worked with volunteer enthusiasts to help dig up fossils. (Associated Press)

Beware of deceptive medical claims on the 'Net'



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Beware of false or deceptive claims for medical treatments broadcast over the Internet. The US Federal Trade Commission recently identified hundreds of potentially harmful or useless claims concerning treatments for diseases such as AIDS and cancer.

Volunteer Net surfers from North America and Mexico reported on their findings to the FTC during the Health Claims Surf Day at the end of September.

They found more than 400 Web sites and numerous Usenet newsgroups that contain promotions for products and services claiming to help cure, treat or prevent AIDS, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease and mul-

tiplesclerosis. The FTC sprang into action by sending hundreds of e-mail messages to Web sites and newsgroups pointing out that advertisers must have evidence to support their claims.

It plans to revisit the sites in the coming weeks to determine if changes were made.

"Hopeful and sometimes desperate consumers spend millions of dollars on unproven, deceptively marketed and often useless 'miracle cures,' and the Internet should not become the newest medium for this age-old problem," said Jodie Bernstein, head of the FTC's bureau of consumer protection.

"In addition to wasting consumers' money, some products or treatments may even cause them serious harm or endanger their lives," she added. "Even when the advertised remedy is harmless, it can still have a detrimental effect if it causes consumers to stop or slow the use of proven treatments."

VIRTUAL UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION
Students at the Reconnati

Graduate School of Management at Tel Aviv University are able, for the first time, to register for their studies via the Internet instead of having to do so on campus.

Each student accepted for the 1997/8 school year is given a limited number of points that he or she can allocate among courses for registration.

Each course will accept students who "paid" the "price" — the highest number of points. Results of this "tender" are made public on the Net and also sent by mail to the students. The TAU graduate school site is at <http://www.tau.ac.il/gsb>.

HIGH-TECH STUDIES IN DEMAND

The Haifa Technion has reported an average 18% jump in the number of applicants for bachelor's degree studies in scientific and technological programs compared to last year and 53% more than two years ago.

Of these, 1,782 new students have started the fall semester — a 9% increase over last year and 50% rise over the figure two years ago.

Technion president Prof. Zehev Tadmor said that the economy's increased demand for engineers and high-tech scientists has persuaded talented young people to head for these fields.

The Technion has invested \$50 million in infrastructure to teach them.

The number of students in mechanical engineering will be 28% higher this year; electrical engineering 27%; science teaching 140%; materials engineering 100%; environmental engineering 120% and aeronautical engineering 5%.

ANOTHER FIBER-OPTIC CABLE PLANNED

A new \$80 million underground phone cable will link Israel to Cyprus and Italy, after partners in the project reached an agreement in principle at a recent meeting in Tel Aviv.

The new cable will branch into two, with one going to Cyprus and the other to Sicily, where it will link up with the undersea cable system that links the Middle East to the Far East, the US, South America and Europe.

The cable was supposed to be named Med 1, but it will be renamed in memory of Gideon Lev, the former Communications Ministry director-general who initiated the idea.

It was agreed that Bezeq will hold 21.25% of the shares, Italy Telecom 18.25%, the Cyprus telecommunications company 7.25%, Clalcom (Israel) 18.25%, Globuscom and Aureq (of Israel) 8.25% each and Telrad and Kama (also of Israel) 9.25% each.

Bezeq director-general Ami Erel said the new project will allow the company to enter the era of fiber-optic undersea cables; this enables higher-speed and higher-quality computer communications, video conferencing and Internet and Television transmissions in addition to a much larger volume of ordinary phone conversations. It will also help Bezeq compete in an open market, he said.

In the future, Erel added, developments in the telecommunications sector may make it necessary to lay another fiber-optic cable.

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something more severe than a dose of

Europe

Gains in European stocks were

eroded at the close on Friday,

with investors unimpressed by

Wall Street's opening gains slip-

ping away.

Growing tension between

Washington and Baghdad over

United Nations inspection teams in

Iraq clearly unsettled the New York

market and European investors

dared not stick their necks out amid

the uncertainty.

Only London managed to hang

on to respectable profits of 0.65

percent at the close but this was

well down on earlier gains of 1.5%.

In Frankfurt, the computerized

IBIS index lost early gains to end

down 0.7%, depressed by Wall

Street's retreat. Floor trade, which

ended before Wall Street opened,

was up 0.7% on the DAX index at

the close.

Investors expressed concern that

a set of policy measures floated

Friday by the ruling Liberal

Democratic Party won't be suffi-

cient to jump start Japan's sluggish

economy, traders said.

The market was also unnerved by

a plunge in shares of Yamaichi

Securities Co., one of Japan's Big

Four brokerage houses. Yamaichi

Securities denied speculation that it

faces funding difficulties caused by

the market's recent decline in a

statement released Friday.

Meanwhile, the dollar was quot-

ed at 125.70 yen in afternoon trad-

ing, 0.35 yen higher than Thursday

in Tokyo but down from 126.07

yen in New York overnight.

In Hong Kong, share prices

closed higher for the second

straight session.

The Hang Seng index, the Hong

Kong market's key indicator of

blue chips, rose 236.55 points, or

2.4%, closing at 9,957.33. On

Thursday, the index had gained

1.2%.

Brokers attributed Friday's rise to

continued bargain-hunting follow-

ing sharp falls in share prices ear-

lier in the week. (Agencies)

Dow up sharply on
low inflation report

Wall Street

Stocks rose sharply Friday as a

tame inflation reading and a strong

showing on most foreign markets

helped overshadow worries about

the latest US-Iraq standoff and an

unresolved global financial crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age rose 84.72 points to 7,572.48,

erasing the remaining damage

from Wednesday's 157-point

slide. For the second straight day,

the Dow's strongest components

included battered favorites such as

IBM, Disney and Merck.

Broader indicators also posted

sizeable gains, led by the technol-

ogy-heavy Nasdaq composite

index.

US stocks also drew a boost

from economic reports showing

that inflation at the wholesale

level nearly disappeared in

October, while retail sales unex-

pectedly slumped, suggesting that

demand may be easing enough to

help contain inflation.

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that prices paid for finished goods

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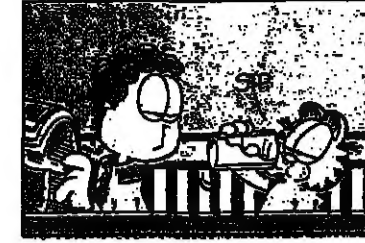
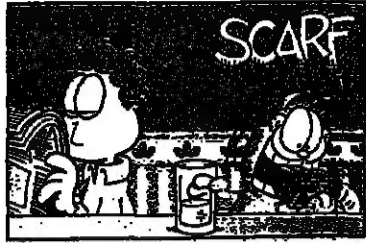
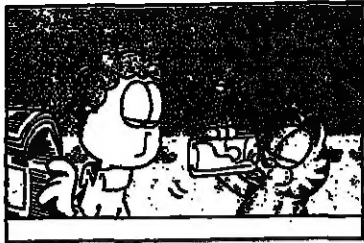
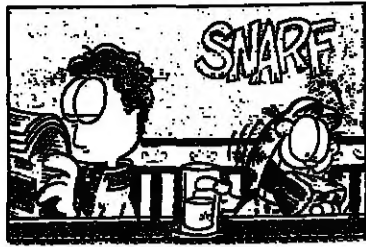
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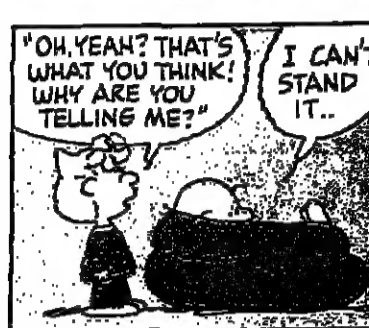
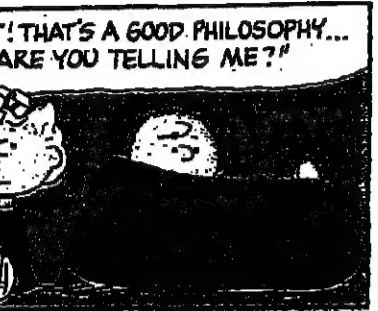
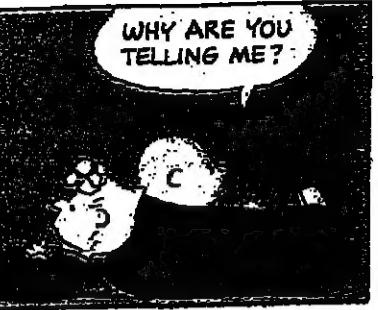
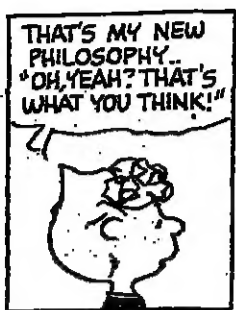
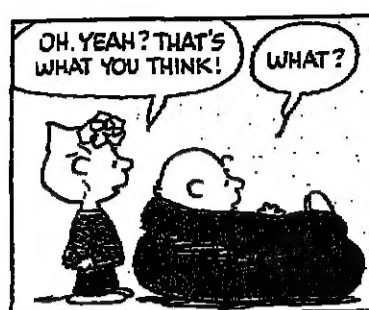
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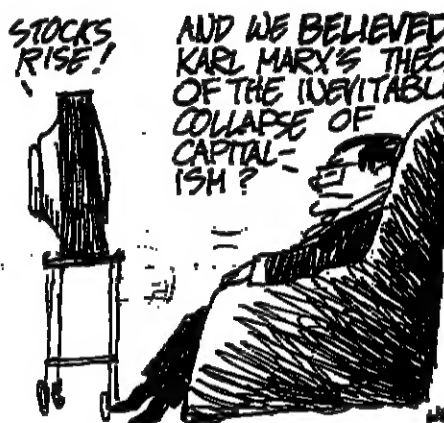
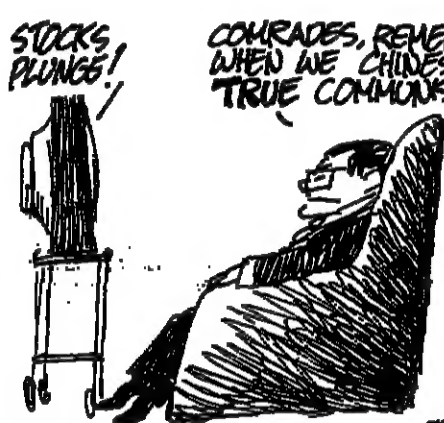
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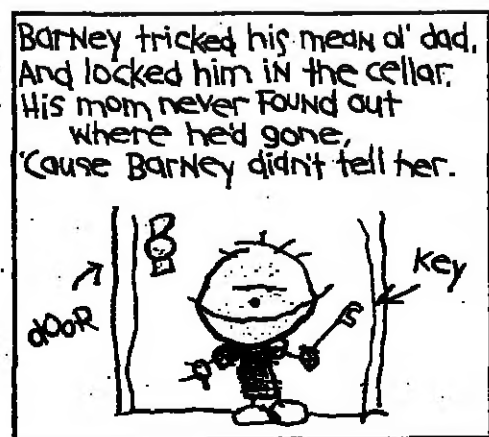
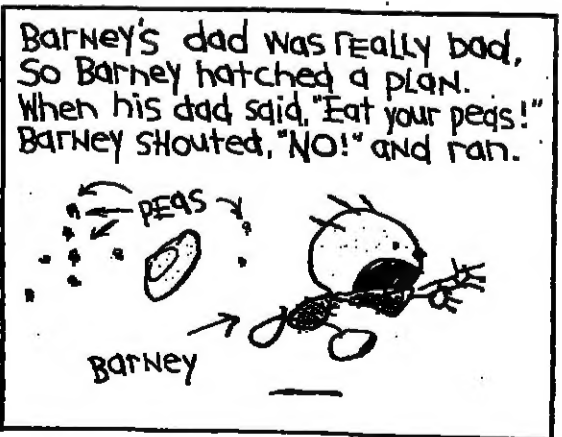
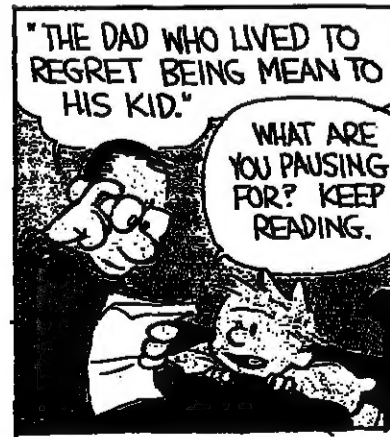
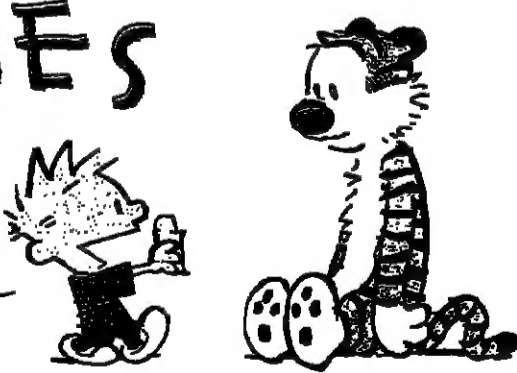
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Calvin and Hobbes

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HERE'S A BOX OF CRAYONS. I NEED SOME ILLUSTRATIONS FOR A STORY I'M WRITING.



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John Travolta stars in 'Face/Off.'

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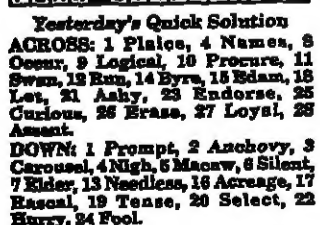
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18:00 The winning animated film about Wallace the inventor, and his faithful dog, Wormtail. When Wallace finds that there's no cheese in the house, he decides to go to the moon to find it.
18:05 Super Ben
18:15 News in English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Amal and Kama's Studio
19:00 News
19:05 NEWS
19:30 NEWS
19:31 Home Improvement: A Married Man
19:40 News
20:45 A Moment in Life - traffic offenses caught by police cameras
21:00 Second Look - Ramallah, the Temporary Capital: documentary filmed while Ramallah was under occupation, Firing Zones: the problem of mine fields
- new season
10:00 News
00:05 Midnight Show
00:40 Soap - rerun of the 70's parody of soap operas
1:05 Shattered Family
1:30 TV movie about an orphan prevented from adoption by the welfare services
2:00 On the Edge of the Shell
- **JORDAN TV**
- 14:00 Holy Karan
14:10 Little Rosie
14:30 Johnny Quest;
15:00 Magic School Bus
15:50 Energy Express
16:00 American Chess Show
16:30 Tarzan
17:00 Secret de Famille
17:30 Des Chaitras at Des Lettres
18:00 Fast Pas Revel
18:10 Le Journal
18:15 Zaz
19:30 News headlines
19:35 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:00 Cinema
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20:30 The Struggle for Democracy
21:10 Renegade
21:30 News in English
22:30 One West Walkie; The Bourne Identity
23:15 Sisters; The Jewel in the Crown
- **MIDDLE EAST LIVE**
- 11:00 Changed Lives
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central
Message
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This Is Your Day
14:30 John Osteen
15:00 In Touch
16:00 The 700 Club
16:30 Times of Joy
16:45 Gospel Bill
17:45 The Story Keepers
18:40 Space Cases
18:05 Super Boy
18:30 Rhoda
18:50 Bob Newhart
19:00 The Blast
19:00 NFL Football Live
23:00 Hill Street Blues

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- CHANNEL 2**
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9:30 Spiderman
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11:00 All American
12:00 Empty Nest
12:30 Simon - comedy
12:30 The Ziad
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13:00 The Rising High
13:30 Open Cards
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tic Tac
15:00 Barney the
Dinosaur
15:30 Blossom
16:00 The Bold and
the Beautiful
16:30 Different
Driver
17:00 Five with Rafi
Reshef
17:30 Twenty Plus
18:00 Port Charles
19:00 Movie Magic
19:25 World Travel
with Eyal Peled -
Botswana and
Namibia
20:00 News
20:30 I'll Be OK -
entertainment show
with Avri Gilad
21:00 Fast with Ilan
Dayan - new season
22:15 I'll Be OK -
entertainment show
- 16:00 News
16:15 Aker - series
in Arabic
17:00 Weekly Column
18:00 The Tyrant -
drama dubbed in
Arabic
18:20 News in Arabic
19:30 News in
Russian
20:00 News
20:45 Teleskull
21:05 Flash Blah -
pop music
22:30 The
Supernatural
23:00 Great Mysteries
and Myths
23:30 Play Broadway
Theater
- ETV 2 (23)**
- 15:30 Echo Point
16:00 Everything's
Open
16:30 World Youth News
17:00 Little Morocco
17:30 Massani - quiz
in Arabic
18:00 Crossroad Cafe
- English language
program
18:30 Duetting with Dogs
19:00 Globe Watch
19:30 Vis & Vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Media File
21:00 The Stranger's
Hand (1954) - a
British intelligence
opera, traveling to
Arabian Africa to
meet his son, mysteri-
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20:00		News		Falsely Accused	Three's Company Married with Children	Icebreakers to the North
20:30		It'll Be OK	Trivia King			
	A Moment in Life		Friends		Roseanne	
21:00	Second Look		Cafe Paris		The Cosby Show	National Geographic
21:30		Fact with Ivana Dayan	Mad About You		Different World	Wild Country, Wild Horses
22:00	World Soccer		Your Lapid Live	To Love, Honor and Deceive	Black and White as Day and Night	
22:30	Crow Road	Florentine	Love Story with Yossi Slysz Sainfeld			Human Nature
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15:05 Ninja Turbos	University: Cathedral; Italian Art Series	League Soccer	10:30 Global View
16:00 Superman		20:45 National	11:30 Inside Euro
16:00 The Secret World of Alex - new series about a mis- chievous character who develops special pow- ers after being con- taminated in a chemical spill	■ NBC EUROPE	League Basketball live - Hapoel Jerusalem vs Maccabi Rastafa	12:30 World Sport
17:00 Family Matters	6:00 Executive Lifestyles	22:45 International Journal	13:30 Future Vision
17:00 Animaniacs	6:30 The Ticket		14:30 Science since
17:20 Hugo	7:00 Travel Xpress		15:30 Computer Connection
18:00 Sweet Valley High	7:30 Inspiration		16:30 Earth Matters
18:00 The Never Ending Story	8:00 Hour of Power	■ EUROSPORT	17:30 Sport Week
19:00 The Little Bits	10:00 Integers by Design	9:30 Motorcycling	18:00 Showbiz this Week
19:30 Helen and the Boys	10:30 Dream Builders	11:00 Soccer: Gazette Dream Team	19:30 Moneyweek
20:00 Three's a Crowd	11:00 Gardening by the Yard	12:00 Soccer: Gazette Dream Team	20:00 World Report
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	14:00 Inside PGA	23:30 Soccer: Gazette Dream Team	1:00 World View
		00:00 ATP Tour 2000	1:30 Style
		20:00 ATP Tour 2000	2:30 News Edition
		20:00 ATP Tour 2000	3:00 Prime News

RADIO

- 14:05 Different World**
■ SECOND SHOW (5)
 22:10 Black and White as Day and Night (German, 1963)
 An obnoxious character player is determined to beat the world champion
 23:35 Branches de Venise (1950), 116-minute musical drama about a middle-aged businessman who has a heart attack and reunites his family.
 (114 mins.)
- CHANNEL 8**
 6:00 Open University - Street Animals; Marketing Services; Oil
 8:30 Travel Magazine (rpt)
 9:30 Human Nature (rpt)
 9:15: Vardalos, Fommeli the Strange (rpt)
 10:45 Accordion: The comeback of the accordion
 10:40 10 Messianic Journeys
 11:40 Pictures on The Edge
 12:40 Air Combat: The Fighters (rpt)
 12:30 Web of Life
 13:30 National Geographic: Beyond the Grave
 15:25 The Grizzly Kingdom (rpt)
 17:15 Human Nature
 17:00 Open University: Grow; Faces of Culture
 18:30 Air Combat: Combat Training
 20:05 Icebreakers to the North, part 1 - a scientific expedition to the North Pole
 21:00 National Geographic: Snakebite
 21:45 Wild Country, Wild Horses - ecology in New Zealand
 22:30 Human Nature
 23:35 Open
- 6:00 NBC Super Sports**
 12:00 Time and Again
 13:00 The McLaughlin Group
 18:30 Meet the Press
 18:30 VIP
 19:00 Mt. Rhodes (rpt)
 20:30 Union Square (rpt)
 21:00 Golf: Andersen Championship
 22:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
 00:00 Profler: Primal Scream
 1:10 The Tick
 2:00 The Tonight Show
 3:00 Intermight
- STAR PLUS**
 8:00 Hindi shows
 9:00 Great Escape
 8:30 India Business Week
 9:30 Living on the Edge
 10:30 Good Food Guide
 10:00 Road Show
 11:00 The World Today
 18:00 A Question of Answers
 18:30 Star News Sunday
 19:30 Hindi shows
 20:00 Star Plus Preview
 20:30 India Business Week
 21:30 Star News Sunday
 22:00 Around the World in 80 Days (rpt)
 25:00 Cause for Alarm (1985) - classic film about a man who becomes psychotic. With Loreita Young and Barry Steven
 00:00 ET
 1:00 Burke's Law
 2:00 Travel Asia
 2:30 Hindi programs
- CHANNEL 5**
 6:30 Bodies in Motion
 16:30 Dangerous Games
 17:00 Tennis
 17:15 Futbol Mundial
 17:40 Spanish League Soccer Live
 20:00 National
- 6:00 Equestrian: Nations Cup**
 8:30 Rugby - England vs. Australia
 8:30 Cricket Week
 9:00 Sports Unlimited
 9:30 Sports: China Open
 12:30 Tennis: HK Seniors Tour
 15:30 A Golf 900 NBA
 18:00 NBA Basketball: Cavaliers vs. Chicago Bulls
 18:00 Asian Soccer
 19:00 PGA Golf
 20:00 NFL Football
 22:30 Sports India
 23:00 NFL Football
 1:30 Cricket Week
 2:00 Watersports
 3:00 Motorsports
- BBC WORLD**
 News on the hour
 6:30 This Week
 7:30 India Business Report
 8:30 Film '97
 9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
 10:30 Window on Celestine Hyman
 11:05 Great Railway Journeys
 12:30 The Clothes Show (rpt)
 13:30 Live Talk (rpt)
 14:05 Rough Guide to the World (rpt)
 15:15 Wheelers World
 16:30 Holiday (rpt)
 17:05 News
 18:00 Hard Talk (rpt)
 19:30 Top Gear (rpt)
 20:05 Great Railway Journeys (rpt)
 21:05 Panorama (rpt)
 22:05 Rough Guide to the World (rpt)
 23:30 Window on Europe (rpt)
 2:05 USA Direct (rpt)
- CNN INTERNATIONAL**
 News throughout the day
 8:30 Evans and Novak
 7:30 Inside Asia
 8:30 Moneyweek
 9:30 World Sport
- VOICE OF MUSC**
 6:06 Morning Concert
 8:05 A. Scariot
 Sinfonia di concerti
 9:00 Concerto minor (European C. Giuseppe Garzanti
 Salvatore Mator
 Cathedral choir and
 choir; C.R.E.
 Bard: Oboe concert
 in B flat; Beethoven
 String trio in D op
 Ravel: Sonata for violin
 and piano (Chow
 Liang Li, Crossley)
 Falla: Nights in the
 Gardens of Spain
 (Argerich/Parré/Bach)
 excerpt from Iberia
 12:00 Light Classics
 - works by
 Mendelssohn, Var
 Ronald Binge, Ma
 13:00 Artist of the
 Week - conductor
 Georg Solti, Moza
 Symphony nos 40
 and 41 (with
 European C.)
 14:06 Encore
 16:00 Music for
 Sunday - Antonio
 Caldara: Hymn
 Mass in 8 minor
 18:00 New CDs -
 works by Schubert
 Piano sonata no 10
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 Symphony no 10,
 reconstructed by
 Brian Newbould
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 20:05 (1) Suite
 Symphony Orch.
 cond. Christopher
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 no 3 in D BWV 110
 Violations
 Capriccio Elgar, En
 22:00 (2) Hall
 Symphony Orch.
 cond. Michael Ste
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Larry Walker named NL MVP

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Sampras, Kafelnikov reach ATP final today

HANNOVER (Reuters) - World No. 1 Pete Sampras moved nearer a fourth ATP Tour world title yesterday by cruising past Sweden Jonas Bjorkman 6-3 6-4 in a one-sided semifinal.

Sampras, who won the season-ending event for the world's top eight players in 1991, 1994 and last year, took just 75 minutes to tame Bjorkman 6-3 6-4 in a one-sided semifinal.

The other semifinal was much tighter with Kafelnikov needing two tie breaks to edge past Spaniard Carlos Moya 7-6 (7-2) 7-6 (7-3) after a match which delighted the 14,000 fans.

Sampras, already assured of finishing the year in the No. 1 spot for the fifth consecutive time to tie Jimmy Connors' record, was simply too strong for Bjorkman.

The Australian Open and Wimbledon champion earned a break point with a blistering return in the sixth game and converted it with a raging smash to 4-2 up.

He stayed on top until the Swede hit a backhand into the net to hand him the first set.

Bjorkman, the world No. 4, dropped his serve in the opening game of the second set but resisted bravely, saving two match points before hitting a return long on the third.

Bjorkman's defeat will allow Australian Patrick Rafter, who bowed out of the elite tournament despite a 2-1 record, to climb one place up to second ahead of Michael Chang in the year-end rankings.

Sampras, who has already made sure of \$640,000 for his efforts in Hannover, has now surpassed \$30 million in career earnings.

Moya had his chances against Kafelnikov, breaking him to go 6-5 up in the first set and serving for the second set with a 5-3 lead.

But Kafelnikov fought back every time to force the two tie-breaks.

On Friday, Sampras overwhelmed Rafter 6-4, 6-1, while Bjorkman beat Michael Chang 6-4, 7-5. Britain's Tim Henman, who flew in specially to replace the injured Sergi Bruguera, beat Kafelnikov in a meaningless late match 6-4, 6-4.

Italy beat Russia, confirm place in France

LONDON (Reuters) - A second half goal by Pierluigi Casiraghi gave three-time winners Italy a 1-0 win in Naples last night and a place in next year's World Cup finals in France.

Belgium qualified for their fifth successive finals with a 2-1 home win over Ireland while Balkan rivals Croatia and Yugoslavia also made it, at the expense of Ukraine and Hungary respectively.

After more than 600 matches spanning 18 months, Europe's qualifying program came down to yesterday's four play-off second legs and the pressure on those involved was almost palpable.

France '98 without Italy would have been unthinkable for the fans of the Azzurri and the 75,000 packed into Naples' San Paolo stadium were getting very nervous after a goalless first half.

Following the 1-1 first leg in Moscow, a 0-0 draw would have been enough for Italy, who last failed to qualify for the finals in 1958, but Casiraghi's 53rd minute goal gave them a vital cushion.

The big Lazio striker seized on a penetrating long ball by Demetrio Albertini and calmly placed his shot out of the reach of Sergei Ovchinnikov.

Belgium came through on a rainy Brussels night thanks to goals by Luis Oliveira and Luc Nilis - the man who scored their goal in the 1-1 first leg draw.

Brazilian-born Oliveira was sent clear in the 25th minute by Gert Claessens and rounded charging goalkeeper Shay Given before



Italy's Pierluigi Casiraghi celebrates after scoring the winning goal against Russia in Naples last night.

touching the ball in the empty net.

Ray Houghton, Ireland's veteran midfielder with a habit of scoring vital goals, equalized in the 58th minute when he connected with Andy Townsend's cross and looped

a header over the despairing reach of Filip De Wilde.

But Luc Nilis cashed in on some loose marking to fire in Belgium's winner in the 68th minute. It was the third time he had scored against

Given in two weeks - the first coming against him in the first leg in Dublin and the second when he scored for PSV Eindhoven against Newcastle in the Champions' League.

Ireland piled on the pressure in the late stages but their chance disappeared when David Connolly was sent off for stupidly kicking Gert Verheyen as he lay on the ground. Croatia went through 3-1 on

aggregate after a 1-1 draw with Ukraine in Kiev but were under severe pressure in the early stages.

Dynamo Kiev striker Andriy Shevchenko put the hosts in front after just four minutes when Croatian keeper Marijan Mamic spilled a Vitaly Kosovsky effort into the forward's path.

Ukraine had the ball in the net a second time soon after but Kosovsky's goal was disallowed for offside - much to the disgust of the vocal 70,000 crowd.

Croatia took heart from the reprieve and scored the vital away goal in the 27th minute when Alen Boksic's 20 meter shot was deflected past Olexander Shovkovsky.

That left Ukraine needing to score three more - and it never looked likely as they gradually ran out of ideas.

Yugoslavia completed a 12-1 aggregate demolition of Hungary with a 5-0 home win. Predrag Mijatovic, who scored a hat-trick in the 7-1 first leg success in Budapest, went one better this time with four.

Yesterday's four winners take the total qualified for France to 28, with three more to be decided today and the remaining one later in the month in the Oceania/Asia play-off.

In friendlies yesterday, England beat Cameroon 2-0 at Wembley with goals from Robbie Fowler and Paul Scholes, while in Duesseldorf, Germany cruised to a comfortable 3-0 win over South Africa with goals from Dietmar Hamann, Oliver Bierhoff and Joerg Heinrich.

SA survive late rally to beat France

LYON (Reuters) - South Africa withstood a fierce late rally from France to complete a dramatic 36-32 win in the first Test at Stade Gerland here yesterday.

Leading 36-15 with 20 minutes to go and looking comfortable winners, the Springboks were forced to defend desperately as the French threw everything into attack.

Late tries by Olivier Merle, Christian Calmano and Stephane Glas hauled France close, but not close enough.

Earlier the home crowd jeered their team when South African wing James Small walked in the fifth Springbok try to leave the hosts reeling.

Dick Muir, Percy Montgomery, Pieter-Rossouw and Krynauw Otto also scored tries with only the kicking of Christophe Lamaison keeping the French in the game.

England 15, Australia 15

Flyhalf Mike Catt kicked England to a fortunate draw with Australia in their one-off international at a wet Twickenham.

Australia played the more attacking rugby and scored two impressive tries, one in each half, through scrumhalf George Gregan and winger Ben Tune. Catt struck a penalty in injury time after scoring with four previous spot kicks to save new England coach Clive Woodward from starting his campaign with a home defeat. But he missed several other kicking chances.

Ireland 15, New Zealand 63

Andrew Mehrtens passed 300 points in Test rugby as New Zealand swamped Ireland 63-15 at Lansdowne Road.

The Canterbury flyhalf scored 43 points, including a try, in his 19th

Test, helping to steady the All Blacks after Ireland twice took the early lead.

Ireland captain Keith Wood, a distinguished member of the British Lions in South Africa this year, scored twice in the first half to tumultuous acclaim from the Irish crowd.

New Zealand replied through Jeff Wilson and captain Justin Marshall to lead 27-15 at halftime.

Wood, who sustained a leg injury early in the match, was forced to leave the field at the interval and the New Zealanders at last began to cut loose. Wilson picked up a second try and there was a brace of tries also for Glen Osborne on the left wing.

Mehrtens, who danced around the Irish defence to score behind the posts after some sustained New Zealand pressure, and centre Alama Ieremia were the other second half try scorers.



CELEBRATION SLIDE - Hapoel players dive on the Teddy Stadium turf after Assi Toubi put their side 1-0 up over Beitar in the Jerusalem derby yesterday.

Hapoel TA continue to fly high

By DEREK FATTAL

National League leaders Hapoel Tel Aviv extended the gap at the summit to three points with a 2-1 home win over Hapoel Haifa yesterday in round 11 of National League action. The Tel Avivians began the proceedings in purposeful fashion with a sixth-minute goal lobbed into the net by Kfir Udi, with Ofer Shitrit following up 16 minutes later with the home side's second.

The Haifaies improved as the match continued and hit back towards the interval through Giovanni Rosso, however the visitors' hopes of performing a turnover finally faded with the 80th-minute dismissal of midfielder Ran Ben-Shimon.

Hapoel Jerusalem missed an excellent opportunity of getting the better of their more illustrious counterparts Beitar in the capital's derby clash that drew a 12,000 attendance at Teddy Stadium. From the kick off the reds looked poised to take the city by storm with Laszlo Cze almost stealing in to score in the fifth minute. Beitar's sluggish start was not helped when the influential Isvan Fishout was sent off in the tenth minute for elbowing Shlomi Dazino in the face. Although this was not a particularly bad-tempered match the tackles flew in thick and fast resulting in eleven yellow cards being meted out.

Hapoel took advantage of their numerical superiority just after the half hour when Assi Toubi swooped in to thump a cross from the right beyond the reach of Itzik Kornfein.

Although Hapoel had dictated the play throughout the match Beitar never gave up and they eventually salvaged a draw thanks to an elementary mistake by Liran Strauber in the Hapoel goal. For some inexplicable reason Strauber failed to collect a floated corner kick, allowing Beitar's Alon Harazi to head in a gift-of-a-goal with just fourteen minutes to go.

The weekend's bumper crowd of 15,000 turned up for the spirited clash at Kiryat Eliezer between

Maccabi Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv. There was a feeling of a return to the good old days for the Haifa fans as Sergei Kaudanov - back from injury - led his side to a 2-0 victory. Haim Silvas scored in the 12th minute to put the hosts ahead - corkcrawling a free kick around the wall of Tel Aviv defenders - and Alon Mizrahi added the second in the 35th minute from the penalty spot.

The most emphatic result of the round came at the Hativka Quarter with Ironi Ashdod's 4-1 win with captain Alon Hazan and Yigal Zriban both taking two goals apiece. Hazan is due to fly to England on Tuesday to discuss a possible move to Watford.

In other weekend action Maccabi Herzliya ended 3-1 winners over Rishon LeZion yesterday, while Hapoel Beit She'an and Maccabi Peash Tikva drew 1-1 on Friday in a match which saw a player from each side receiving a red card midway through the second half.

Hapoel Peash Tikva kept up their title challenge with a 1-0 win over Hapoel Kfar Sava.

In the other Friday fixture, Hapoel Ashkelon added to the worries of bottom-placed Hapoel Beersheba, knocking in two goals without reply to keep Beersheba pinned to the foot of the standings with just six points from a possible 33.

National League: Hapoel Peash Tikva 1, Hapoel Kfar Sava 0; Hapoel Ashkelon 2, Hapoel Beersheba 0; Maccabi Herzliya 3, Ironi Rishon LeZion 1; Hapoel Tel Aviv 2, Hapoel Haifa 1; Hapoel Jerusalem 1, Beitar Jerusalem 1; Maccabi Haifa 2, Maccabi Tel Aviv 0; Beitar Yehuda 1, Ironi Ashdod 4; Hapoel Beit She'an 1, Maccabi Peash Tikva 1.

National League											Second Division										
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Beit. Jerusalem	11	5	5	1	20	14	21	Zefirion Holon	9	6	3	1	17	14	21						
Macc. Haifa	11	6	3	2	21	11	21	Hapoel Ashdod	9	6	3	1	21	6	20						
Hapoel Beitar	11	5	4	2	19	13	21	Hapoel Beitar	9	6	3	1	11	3	19						
Hapoel Haifa	11	6	4	1	17	11	19	Kfar Kana	9	6	3	1	11	3	19						
Hapoel Ashdod	11	4	5	2	18	15	19	Macc. Netanya	9	6	3	1	13	14	14						
Hapoel Jerusalem	11	4	5	2	14	13	17	Hapoel Beitar	9	6	3	1	13	14	14						
Hapoel Kfar Sava	11	4	1	6	14	17	13	Beit. Tel Aviv	9	6	3	2	15	15	13						
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Macc. Herzliya	11	2	4	5	11	16	10	Hapoel Beitar	9	6	3	2	4	9	10						
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Sela wins Haifa satellite leg

By HEATHER CHAIT

Offer Sela won the second leg of the four-week Friedman men's tennis satellite in Haifa yesterday, beating Lior Mor 6-1, 7-5 in the final.

Sela, 25, and Mor, 21, were seeded sixth and fourth respectively. The match was far easier for Sela than his semi-final clash against top seed Noam Behr which eventually went 4-6, 7-5 in Sela's favor.

In the second semi-final, Mor outlasted a plucky Andy Ram, winning

6-0, 4-6, 6-3. Amir Hadad, who won the first stage in Jerusalem, made a hasty exit in the first round in Haifa after being defaulted for unsporting conduct.

Mor was out of luck in the doubles final also. Partnered by Harel Levy, they lost to Noam Okun and Nir Weigreen 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

The third leg of the satellite begins tomorrow at the Israel Tennis Center in Jaffa, along with the \$10,000 Vanessa Phillips women's international tournament.

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